

# Quick and Easy Steps for Starting an AVS Student Chapter

<https://avs.org/Membership/Student-Activities>

## Why?

Becoming a member of AVS as well as an AVS Student Chapter has many benefits:

### Nationally

1. **Access to Publications and Technical Libraries** including presentations from AVS symposia and other conferences, books, and technical videos
2. **Physics Today** magazine covering material of interest to the entire scientific and engineering community and broadening members' knowledge of diverse fields including social and political issues
3. **Career services** including an extensive list of job postings for a variety of majors, backgrounds, and skills
4. **Student awards**

### Student Chapter

1. **Opportunity to network** with professors and industrial scientists and engineers, including leading world authorities; form connections with other undergraduate and graduate students
2. **Exposure to a wide variety of research fields**
3. **Develop leadership skills** by becoming a chapter officer
4. **Travel support** to attend an annual AVS Symposium and Exhibition

As an added bonus when you join AVS and indicate that you are a member of a student chapter at [www.avs.org](http://www.avs.org) you will receive a one year complimentary membership.

## How?

1. Eight student members and one faculty adviser are needed to start a student chapter. For the students, you need three members to be willing to be the founding Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer/Secretary.
2. Think of the student chapter name!
3. Go to <https://avs.org/PDF/StudchptManual.pdf> and complete forms found in appendices A-D
  - a. Letter of intent to the AVS Board
  - b. Student Chapter Application form
  - c. Student Chapter Petition form
  - d. Student Chapter By-Laws (A standardized version is available in the student manual)
4. Send the completed forms off to:

**AVS National Office**  
125 Maiden Lane, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Yes, Starting a Student Chapter is that Quick and Easy!**



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