



Frequently Asked Questions-Student Chapters

Who should form an ISPE Student Chapter?

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What are the qualifications for an ISPE Student Chapter?

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How are ISPE Student Chapters formed?

Please see the document, “How to form an ISPE Student Chapter” In short, an application form, and additional required materials, must be submitted to ISPE. Proposals for student chapters will be voted upon by the Board of Directors.

Who is eligible to serve as the Faculty Advisor?

One senior member of the faculty of the program must be designated the faculty advisor. This faculty advisor must be an ISPE member, preferably a Fellow.

How many faculty liaisons are needed for the Student Chapter?

Each student chapter must designate one faculty member to serve as faculty advisor.

How will the student chapters be governed?

The student chapters will be governed by a democratic process. Chapter officers, including a President and Vice-President, will be elected by the membership.

What is the minimum number of students required to form an ISPE Student Chapter?

| The minimum number of students required to form an ISPE Student Chapter is one.

What proportion of the members of the Student Chapter must also be ISPE members?

At least fifty percent of the members of an ISPE Student Chapter must also be ISPE members.

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