



## Student Sections

### Expand the reach of the American Nuclear Society

A student section of the ANS allows students to enjoy some of the benefits of membership locally. Network with others in the field, host technical speakers, share information with colleagues, foster awareness and understanding about nuclear science and technology with the community, and help present a unified voice in support of the advancement of nuclear science.

Student sections of ANS enable members to experience ANS close to home.  
**Form your student section today!**

## Steps to Starting Student Section

as of May 2025

1. Contact the ANS Student Section Liaison, Aubrey Whittington [awhittington@ans.org](mailto:awhittington@ans.org), to inform ANS of your intent to petition. The Student Section Committee (SSC) will be notified your petitioning intent.
2. SSC will assign a Categorization Subcommittee member to assist your group while developing a petition.
3. Appoint interim faculty advisor (must be an ANS professional member).
4. Appoint interim officers and decide mode of election for future officers.
5. Set date for first meeting and schedule future meetings.
6. Prepare short-range plan of activities, including plans for any special projects.
7. Decide on specific objectives for short and long term, including expanding section membership.
8. Set committees and appointments or volunteers at a minimum for:
  - programs
  - membership
  - public information/outreach
  - communications (newsletter/website editor)
9. Review the Society's Bylaws and Rules <http://www.ans.org/about/br> especially Bylaw B9 and Rule R19 which relate to student sections. Review the Bylaws for Student Sections template and begin development of your section rules.
  - As you develop rules to go with the standard bylaws, note that these must be finalized within 6 months of receiving your charter.
10. Contact the ANS Local Section Chair in your area for potential joint activity planning, if possible.
11. Once completed, submit the petition and attachments to your Categorization Subcommittee contact.
12. SSC will review and, if approved, will recommend to the ANS Board of Directors that the proposed student section be given its charter.
13. Once the Board of Directors approves the section, the charter will be signed by the current ANS President and mailed to the new section.

## Petition for Authorization of Student Section

By this petition we, the undersigned students enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_, request authorization from the Board of Directors to establish a Student Section of the American Nuclear Society.

We have seen the Bylaws and Rules of the Society and specifically Article B9 and Article R19 pertaining to Student Sections. We agree to conform with all the requirements therein stated.

Advisor (must be an ANS National member): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

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### Below are items that should be submitted in order to help with evaluation.

1. Signed Petition for Authorization.
2. Petition signatures. All signatures must be from students currently enrolled at your institution, and at least 15 signatures must be from graduate students, seniors, or juniors. (2-year colleges: 15 signatures must be from students in their second year.)  
**Waiver:** If this distribution requirement cannot be met, a waiver can be requested with a written explanation and reasonable evidence demonstrating why the original requirement is unattainable.
3. Outline of academic programs related to nuclear science, engineering, and technology. This outline should be no more than 5 pages. Include:
  - a listing of degrees awarded (e.g., BS in Mechanical Engineering with Nuclear Power option)
  - a listing of course titles related to nuclear engineering
  - a listing of faculty members with their areas of emphasis and professional society affiliations
  - data on present and prospective enrollment in nuclear-related programs and courses (please provide separate numbers for graduate and undergraduate enrollment, and for those enrolled in the degree program vs. merely enrolled in the courses)
  - any desired descriptive material about the institution and facilities
  - Additional information may be supplied but is not necessary. The purpose of these items is to help us gain an idea of the strength of the department and the level of faculty and department support for the group.
4. Outline of activities taken in preparation of starting a student section. This outline should be no more than 5 pages. Include steps 3-10 of starting a section.

**Please return electronic copy of petition and signature page to:**

[awhittington@ans.org](mailto:awhittington@ans.org) and [ssc@ans.org](mailto:ssc@ans.org)



## Petition Signatures to establish the \_\_\_\_\_ Student Section of the American Nuclear Society

All signers must be students currently enrolled at your institution. At least 15 signers *must* be graduate students, seniors, or juniors. (2-year colleges: 15 signers must be students in their second year.)

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