



International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM) Student Membership Guidelines

The International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM) is an organization of veterinarians, technicians/nurses and students dedicated to advancing and disseminating knowledge on pain and analgesia in veterinary patients and promoting competence to ensure the skillful delivery of analgesia across all veterinary species.

We recognize the importance of initiating this mission during student training time and are encouraging veterinary and veterinary technician/nurse students to join the IVAPM. In this document and on the Student Chapter webpage, 'students' refers to either veterinary or veterinary technician/nurse students.

Students are welcome to join IVAPM as individuals or form a chapter. **All students, registered as individuals or registered within chapters, will have free IVAPM membership access during their time in school. In addition, any student that is a member of IVAPM during their senior (final) year will have free membership for one-year post-graduation, half-price membership their second-year post graduation and 75% membership for the third-year post-graduation.** These reduced fees will not include the Veterinary Anesthesia & Analgesia journal. Subsequent memberships will be full price. Students must show proof via university student ID (must have valid school year dates) and/or proof of graduation.

All registered students have access to the entire IVAPM website (IVAPM.org), including the specific Student Chapter page located within the Member Portal. Educational material, ideas for student activities, journal articles, etc... will be placed on the website. Students also receive access to the IVAPM Facebook Page where we encourage professional courteous discussion on pain and analgesia. The page is not regularly monitored by IVAPM members so questions or concerns that require IVAPM input should be posted the main IVAPM Facebook page or emailed to IVAPM@navc.com.

We encourage formation of IVAPM Student Chapters or liaison of IVPAM student members with other Student Chapters to facilitate enhanced knowledge of pain and analgesia in a group setting. The IVAPM will assist **active** chapters (see definition below) by providing a pain/analgesia speaker for a group meeting at least once per academic year. The speaker may deliver an in-person lecture (if local) or the lecture may be delivered by electronic media (e.g., Skype) or be pre-recorded.

Student Chapter Guidelines

- Student Chapters should consist of a group of five or more students. Chapter duties, like specific offices and elections to those offices, will be at the discretion of the individual chapter.
- Student Chapters must have a veterinary faculty, house officer or nurse/technician advisor. IVAPM will provide free membership for one student



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advisor as long as there is an active Chapter. If the advisor changes at any time, it is up to the student liaison to notify the IVAPM so that we can transfer the free membership to the new advisor.

- An active chapter is defined as:
 - Membership consisting of the advisor + five or members
 - A minimum two meetings/semester to include the majority of the members. Meetings are defined as:
 - General membership meetings to discuss workings of the club, hold elections, etc.
 - Member small group discussions on pain/pain management using student interest materials or materials provided by the advisor or from the IVAPM website.
 - Lectures/labs on pain or analgesia delivered by IVAPM, the advisor or a pain expert identified by the advisor. Lectures/labs can be delivered in person or electronically.
 - To be considered an active chapter and receive all member benefits including free membership, a BRIEF year-end report must be filed with IVAPM. A one-page template will be provided. Contents of the report include: number of members, number of meetings, type of meetings (ie, membership or educational), other activities, ideas for next semester. If the report is not filed at the end of the academic year, it can be filed at the beginning of the next academic year. If not filed, the chapter will not be considered active for the upcoming year.
 - For the first year the chapter is formed, all member benefits will be bestowed on all students as soon as the chapter is approved.
 - For subsequent years, chapters deemed inactive will be dissolved. Chapters can petition this decision by contacting the IVAPM Student Chapter committee.
- The [Student Chapter registration form](#) must be completed and returned in order for the student memberships to be processed and activated. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED WHETHER JOINING AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A MEMBER OF A CHAPTER. Registration includes name and email contact information. Without this information, IVAPM is unable to activate student memberships and can't provide member benefits (access to website, Facebook, etc.). [Once this form is completed, you will be added to the IVAPM membership database and receive a "Welcome" notification email.](#)
- The membership registration form, list of goals for the year (a template will be provided) and list of/contact information for student members must be submitted annually. The deadline for submission each year is October 1.



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- Student Chapters must appoint an IVAPM student to serve as the primary contact person/liaison. The liaison will communicate with the IVAPM Student Committee using the IVAPM email address.
- Student Chapter membership to the IVAPM is free upon approval of the IVAPM Student Committee. At each school, Student Chapter dues or other expenses will be at the discretion of the individual chapter.