



Here are some of the most Frequently Asked Questions regarding Student Members/Chapters:

1. Do we have to form a chapter to join IVAPM? No! Although we encourage chapter formation since group learning is often more effective – and fun! – than learning on our own, we also understand that there are a lot of student groups already in place and forming yet another group can be overwhelming. We want all interested students to be members in IVAPM – either individually or in a chapter.
2. I am an individual student – or a faculty member – that wants to start a chapter but I'm not sure where to start. Any tips? We have a group of IVAPM Student-Focused Members that would love to help! Contact us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scivapm/>) or at info@ivapm.org
3. Should we have activities with – or even form a chapter with – other student groups? Activities for sure! And even chapters, yes! Activities with other chapters are great for cross-pollination of ideas and appreciation of different viewpoints. There are ideas for activities with other chapters on the student webpage (<https://ivapm.org/professionals/students/>) and lots of interaction on the student Facebook page. Formation of chapters like 'anesthesia and analgesia' or 'IVAPM and Rehab' are common, especially since there are already a large number of student groups. Pain management does not belong to any one group. Like pain management groups in human medicine, the IVAPM is multidisciplinary. Here is our multidisciplinary statement:

The International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management unites veterinarians in general practice, specialty veterinarians, veterinary technicians/nurses, veterinary students, researchers and industry representatives from around the world in our mission to advocate for best practices in the treatment of animals in pain. By necessity, this is a multi-disciplinary mission, encompassing a diverse and robust commitment from numerous medical fields, including general practice, anesthesiology, surgery, internal medicine, emergency/critical care, oncology, neurology, dentistry, dermatology, physical therapy/rehabilitation, behavior and many others. Collectively, IVAPM members from these various disciplines provide a continued focus on the animal, and the relief of both acute and chronic animal pain.
4. We don't yet have an advisor (or I am an individual student) and we don't know what activities or learning opportunities are available to study on our own. What do you recommend? On the student website there is a list of suggested activities (you have to be logged in) there are numerous presentations, podcasts, journal articles, etc... all set up for student learning! And our Facebook page is always buzzing with ideas!!
5. How can I communicate with other chapters or students from other schools? The fastest way is to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scivapm/>)! But you can also use the Student Forum link on the Student webpage to contact other chapters and colleagues. And email us any time, we can help connect you.
6. Who do I contact with questions about membership or any other concern? The best way to reach us is at: info@ivapm.org. Feel free to contact us at any time! We would love to hear from you!!

Let us know what other questions you may have. We are here for you!