

YP Outreach to Students

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Two key benefits of being or becoming IEEE student member (YP member too)

1. IEEE membership provides tremendous networking opportunities; key to finding jobs and advancing professional careers
 - Enables establishing job/career related contacts through IEEE meetings, conferences, talks, chapters, etc.
2. IEEE membership provides access to a wealth of knowledge and technical materials
 - Enables staying up-to-date in a field and learning new fields

In Region 5, there are 96 student branches, 59 student branch chapters, and 3600+ student members.

Student Branches Encouraged to Connect to their Sections

- Student branches are encouraged to get connected to their sections – your section has access to many IEEE members (professionals at companies and faculty members at other universities other than yours) and can help your branch to establish connections – get to know your section university relations contact person if any, get to know your section chair, have a joint meeting with your section.
- Student branches are encouraged to invite section officers to meetings and seek their advice and assistance, e.g. ask section officers to give a presentation about the section and its activities to your branch; ask **YP/WIE** groups in your section to give a presentation to your branch about their activities.

IEEE YP (Young Professionals) Explained to Students - Life After Graduation

- YP is a group of members who were recently students themselves and have become regular members
- YP members' experiences and know-how can greatly help students transition from college to workplace
- YP addresses “now that I have started working as a professional, what can I do to advance my career”
- Funding opportunity (named STEP) for joint YP and student branch events at <https://yp.ieee.org/funding-opportunities/>

Suggestion to YP Chairs

YP can greatly encourage students to maintain their IEEE membership after graduation.

Suggestion – YP area/section chairs to contact student branch chairs in their area/section to organize an informational meeting – virtual in Fall 2020 - (request joint STEP funding if needed) to inform branch student members of what YP is about and how they benefit by staying involved in IEEE after graduation and by becoming IEEE YP members.