

OSI STUDENT CHAPTER

About

OSI encourages formation of Student Chapters in academic and research institutions in India with the aim of spreading the awareness and knowledge of optical sciences and technologies among the student fraternity. Student Chapters are wholly managed by research students (including Ph.D. students) in consultation with the Faculty Advisor. OSI Student Chapters attempt to forge a long-lasting relationship between the student community and OSI.

Formation

- Identify a faculty who is willing to be the faculty advisor of the Chapter. The faculty advisor should necessarily be a member of OSI.
- At least FIVE students should be Associate Members of OSI.
- Once these criteria are fulfilled, the Faculty Advisor, in consultation with the students, nominates student members willing to serve as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Chapter.
- Send a formal request to the OSI President/Secretary at osiindiainfo@gmail.com stating your willingness to initiate a Student Chapter in your Institution.
- A prior approval from the Head of the Institution should be obtained regarding formation of the OSI Student Chapter.
- OSI Student Chapters should attempt to open a savings bank account in the name of the Chapter with the Faculty Advisor and any two of the office bearers as signatories. In case this is not feasible, the Institutional bank account may be used for transactions, subject to approval from the administrative/financial head of the Institution.
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Duties and Responsibilities

Chapter activities may include outreach programmes to schools, colleges, universities or localities, in-house seminars /webinars, quiz contests/popular lectures, observe International Day of Light (IDL) activities, skywatching sessions, observe major astronomical events like solar/lunar eclipses, planetary transits, etc.

- In order to sustain the Student Chapter, student members should motivate freshers/other students to join the Chapter and take part in its activities.
- After completion of the first year, a meeting of the Student Members should be organized to select/elect the office bearers for the next year. This process should be repeated annually in consultation with the Faculty Advisor.
- OSI welcomes and encourages OSI Student Chapter activities jointly with other Student Chapters in the host institution or elsewhere.
- Student Chapters should submit annual reports to OSI, summarizing its activities for the past year.

Funding

In order to sustain the activities of the Student Chapter, OSI has developed the mechanism that in addition to a one-time seed money of Rupees Five Thousand only, one half of the sum annually received from the student members as OSI Associate Membership fees will be returned to the Chapter.

In addition, one OSI Student Chapter office bearer from each Student Chapter will receive financial support of a maximum of Rs.10000/- for paper presentation and Meeting of the student Chapter office bearers during the Annual OSI Symposium/Conference.