Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Graduate Materials Society, welcome to spring semester! I would also like to extended a special welcome to our newest graduate students Katie Colbaugh, Daniel Dryden, Zhen Li, and Amirali Zangiabadi. Make sure to check out their photos/biographies later in the newsletter.

Carrying on the tradition of Materials Lunches, GMS will sponsor the first Materials Lunch of the series by hosting a Chili Cook-Off. Various department members are preparing a small batch of their favorite chili, Patsy Harris’ famous corn bread will be on hand and GMS will provide beverages and chili fixings.

GMS would like to plan winter/spring activities and could use help by getting an individual or individuals involved as an Activities Coordinator(s).

Finally, please read the article relating to a proposed Materials Research Society local collegiate chapter. At the close of our department meeting, all graduate students should stay to discuss the possibility of this opportunity.

Best wishes to everyone presenting at conferences and have a great term!

Sincerely,
Janet Gbur
GMS President

DMSE Happy Hour

Take a break every Friday at 5:00 p.m. and join colleagues for the department happy hour in the USL. Plenty of cold flowing beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and snacks are on hand!

The first happy hour is Friday, January 25 sponsored by Professor McGuffin-Cawley and the remaining happy hours will be posted later this week.

Super Bowl Party

Henry Neilson will be hosting a Super Bowl party on February 3. Beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided; attendees are asked to bring a dish of their choosing. Location: 12306 Mount Overlook Ave (about 7 minutes from campus). RSVP to (865)293-2083 or hjn2@case.edu by February 1st. Taps open at 4:30 p.m.!!
The GMS officers were approached last term about the possibility of developing a CWRU Materials Research Society collegiate chapter.

A packet of information is attached to this newsletter that answers common questions about starting and maintaining a chapter along with the rules and regulations for a collegiate chapter. Please read through the materials thoroughly so that as an organization we can discuss and vote whether or not to pursue this option for CWRU this term.

Currently, the Undergraduate Materials Society officers also serve as the officers for the collegiate Material Advantage chapter. Graduate students are always welcome to participate in Material Advantage activities, but many, especially student activities associated with MS&T, are geared more for the undergraduates and their chapters. MRS is focused on interdisciplinary research and building research bases and collaborations, which is fitting for developing researchers and graduate students.

GMS needs to determine the level of interest in pursuing this opportunity, which requires a minimum of 8 students and 2 faculty along with representation at the fall and spring meetings (Boston and San Francisco).

Please do not forget to send in your Material Advantage membership renewal or new membership application this month!!

Just a reminder to all graduate students - if you have not done so already, take five minutes to renew your Material Advantage subscription. For $30 per year, you get a monthly publication and membership in four professional organizations: The American Ceramic Society (ACerS), Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST), The Materials Information Society (ASM), and the Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS). Membership also reduces your attendance fees for several conferences, including MS&T. For those who signed up for the first time in September 2012 or later, your membership lasts until the end of 2013, so no need to renew.

www.materialadvantage.org

The excitement of October’s MS&T in Pittsburgh! Make plans to attend the 2013 MS&T in Montreal. Hossein, Jun, Mohsen, Matt, Henry, and Jesi

Materials Lunch Series—Join us on Fridays from 12-1 pm in the USL!!

As mentioned in the opening of the newsletter, GMS will be hosting the first ever Chili Cook-Off on Friday, January 18 in the Undergraduate Student Lounge (USL) on the 3rd floor of White from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The minimum donation per person is $3 (please feel free to donate more as proceeds go toward supporting GMS activities).

To date volunteers have agreed to provide chicken chili, pork chili and vegetarian chili in addition to Patsy Harris’ outstanding corn bread and all the chili fixings you can imagine! We are still looking for more volunteers to make a small batch of your favorite chili recipe to add into the mix. Please email Janet at jg120@case.edu if you are interested in donating a batch!

A calendar will be posted for Materials Lunch signups on the USL door. Please consider signing up as an individual or as a group to serve lunch! It does not have to be fancy, we have had some wonderful themed lunches in the past, including: Breakfast for Lunch, Persian Day, Cheeseburgers in Paradise, Texas Day, BBQ, Greek Feast, and Oktoberfest.

For those that do choose to sign up for a luncheon, GMS will provide the paper products and collect funds at the door. It is up to the individual/group to make flyers for the lunch (if you email a copy to GMS Secretary, Maryam, at mxz157@case.edu she can copy it to the department). Reimbursements can be made for food—please budget appropriately or consider donating your meal. For financial questions, please contact GMS Treasurer, Mohsen, at mxs896@case.edu.

So far, there are plans for another Texas-based lunch and a Countdown to Mardi Gras.....
Welcome New Graduate Students!

Katie Colbaugh
Degree(s) Held: Biomedical engineering, materials science and music minors
Previous University/Universities: CWRU
CASE Advisor (if known): Professor McGuffin-Cawley
MS or PhD: MS
Hobbies: Piano, singing, running, biking, painting
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa
One Thing You Want to do in Cleveland this year: Eat good food

Daniel Dryden
Degree(s) Held: BS Materials Science and Engineering
Previous University/Universities: Cornell University, Washtenaw Community College
CASE Advisor (if known): Professor French
MS or PhD: PhD
Hobbies: Playing bass in a local band, brewing beer and wine, mixology, swing dancing, cooking
Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI
One Thing You Want to do in Cleveland this year: Find the best bar trivia night

Zhen Li
Degree(s) Held: BE, ME
Previous University/Universities: Hefei University of Technology, Institute of Metal Research-Chinese Academy of Sciences
CASE Advisor (if known): Professor Ernst and Professor Heuer
MS or PhD: PhD
Hobbies: Soccer, fishing, music
Hometown: China
One Thing You Want to do in Cleveland this year: Have not decided yet

Amirali Zangiabadi
Degree(s) Held: BS, MS both in Materials Science & Engineering
Previous University/Universities: Sharif University of Technology
CASE Advisor (if known): Professor Ernst
MS or PhD: PhD
Hobbies: Mountain climbing, swimming, watching movies & serials, theater, socializing with different people
Hometown: Tehran, Iran
One Thing You Want to do in Cleveland this year: Discovering everything about this city covering natural spectacles, people and ...

Looking for GMS Activities Coordinator

To help in planning GMS social activities, the officers would like a volunteer or two that would be willing to organize a handful of grad student activities for the spring term. Sample ideas could include trivia nights, bowling, plays, concerts, winter sporting activities (tobogganing, skiing, ice skating), movie nights, swing dancing, beer tasting, etc.

Responsibilities would be determining what activities GMS members are interested in participating in, planning and implementing activities, and posting flyers. Most of the work can be done via email so the time commitment would be small.

Please contact Janet at jlg120@case.edu if you are willing to help plan GMS activities.
Frequently Asked Questions about MRS University Chapters

What's the difference between a Section and a University Chapter?
Both exist to encourage interdisciplinary communication about materials issues. However, MRS University Chapters are student organizations within their host academic institution recognized by MRS for their commitment to interdisciplinary materials research that improves the quality of life; Likewise MRS Sections are separate, regionally based organizations recognized by MRS for their role serving a variety of materials science and engineering professionals.

Why would I want to start or join a University Chapter?
The reasons for an MRS University Chapter are many and varied ... Because other organizations you’ve encountered may have too narrow a focus (just chemistry, physics, or engineering, etc.), because material R&D is your profession, or because you see a need for an organization on your campus that emphasizes MRS commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration.

How do I start a University Chapter?
Complete the Petition to Organize an MRS University Chapter and send it to MRS. If you have enough members and meet the other policy requirements, your petition will be validated and sent to MRS Board for a vote on recognition for your organization. It is usually a formality at that point.

What are the benefits?
MRS University Chapters are entitled to many benefits including: travel support for student members to attend MRS Spring and Fall Meetings; Chapter rebates; distinguished speaker support; special project grants; free copies of MRS Bulletin for local promotions and membership drives; marketing and other in-kind support.

How do I qualify for travel reimbursements to MRS Meetings?
According to MRS guidelines, the Chapter president must submit a letter to MRS requesting student reimbursement. Chapters are eligible for $500 per year, which may be split between the Spring and Fall Meetings, and which may be allocated to just one or to more than one student member of the Chapter.

How does the Chapter rebate program work?
A Chapter roster must be submitted along with your annual activity report (due by June 15 of each year). The Chapter will receive a $10 rebate for each student who is also a current member of The Materials Research Society. So, the more student members you enroll in MRS— the more money for your Chapter!

What are the financial requirements?
MRS University Chapters handle their own finances in accordance with their host academic institution. MRS does not control the finances or operations of University Chapters and all contributions from MRS are considered grants to be used by the University Chapters.

How can I find out about other MRS members in my area?
The MRS Online Membership Directory is a professional networking service available exclusively to our members. It provides a quick and easy way for you to search for colleagues by name, institution or geographical location. Or contact MRS Headquarters and we can generate a list of members in your area.

How can we get more people interested in our activities?
Ask your fellow Chapter representatives! If something worked for them, it will probably work for you as well. They can be a great source of both inspiration and information. The most important thing, however, is to stay focused on projects that are educationally and professionally meaningful for YOU! If you’re enthusiastic, it will rub off.

How can we recruit volunteers, and share the workload of the Chapter?
Ask! Most members will say “yes” when asked to perform a clearly specified task within a definite period of time, if the person doing the asking is someone they respect. You might also want to consult with members of other Chapters. Some of our Chapters have developed a pretty effective way of handing along the baton of leadership. And, of course, if we come across new ideas and leadership programs, MRS staff will pass them along to you.

How do we turn in our annual reports? Via e-mail, fax, or regular mail—choose the method that’s best for you. For your convenience, forms and additional reporting information is included in this handbook.

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### 5.5.1: MRS University Chapters

**Purpose:** This policy sets forth the criteria for establishing university chapters and the structure and responsibilities of each chapter.

**Applies to:** MRS student members and academic advisors

**Policy:**

University Chapters of the Materials Research Society

- **A.** Establishment of a University Chapter shall be authorized by the Board of Directors. Petitions requesting the organization of a University Chapter shall be addressed to the Board of Directors and shall be signed by at least eight Student Members and by two Regular Members who are on the faculty of the academic institution to be served by the proposed University Chapter. One of the faculty Members must have tenure at the institution, and both faculty Members must agree to advise the University Chapter for a minimum of two years. The title of the University Chapter shall contain the name of the institution with which it is associated.

- **B.** University Chapters may be affiliated with other materials professional societies.

- **C.** Any Society member employed by or attending the academic institution may become a University Chapter Member upon payment of University Chapter dues.

- **D.** Nonmembers of the Society may, upon approval of the University Chapter and payment of dues, become members or associate members of the University Chapter.

- **E.** The officers of the University Chapter shall include a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined and held by one person.

- **F.** The University Chapter executive committee shall consist of the officers of the University Chapter.

- **G.** The University Chapter executive committee shall manage the affairs of the University Chapter; pass upon and authorize the annual budget controlling expenditures; pass upon the eligibility of applicants for membership; fill all vacancies; approve all appointments; and consider and dispose of all matters referred to it by the University Chapter. Any duties not otherwise specifically mentioned which tend to better the welfare of the University Chapter may be assumed by the University Chapter executive committee, insofar as they are consistent with the objectives of the Society.

- **H.** By April 1 of each year, the University Chapter shall submit to the Society a brief financial
statement including total revenues and expenditures for the prior calendar year, and the current balance. By June 15 of each year, the University Chapter shall submit to the Society a summary of University Chapter activities for the previous academic year (June 1 through May 31) including the number of meetings held, a list of newly elected officers, the number of current Chapter Members, and a notice of significant meetings for the current academic year.

I. The University Chapter shall not incur indebtedness on behalf of the Society without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

J. A University Chapter shall be placed on inactive status if its membership declines below two Members and three Student Members for a period of 12 months. Application for reactivation shall follow the same procedure as a petition for a new University Chapter. A University Chapter that is inactive for two years shall be dissolved.

K. No action or obligation of the University Chapter shall be considered an action or obligation of the Society. A statement to this effect shall be imprinted in any contractual or financial agreement entered into by a University Chapter.

L. The Society reserves the right to dissolve a University Chapter at any time if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, such action is in the best interests of the Society.
MRS University Chapter
RECRUITING MRS UNIVERSITY CHAPTER MEMBERS

The goal of MRS University Chapters is “to foster discussion among students and faculty in the various materials disciplines, to generate student interest in materials science and to promote the exchange and dissemination of information from the Society.” To that end, it is important for you to recruit students enrolled not just in materials science, but in other related fields as well. This will help to broaden your member base and allow for more robust and interdisciplinary Chapter activity. It will also mean more money for your Chapter. How? Because MRS will reimburse your Chapter $10 for every student member who is also a member of The Materials Research Society. So, more members ... more money!

To help with your recruiting efforts, and to increase your Chapter finances, please note the following marketing tips:

▼ Each student member of your Chapter who is also a current MRS student member as of June 1 will entitle the Chapter to a $10 rebate.

▼ Make certain that all of your officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) are current MRS members. That’s $40 right from the start.

▼ Be sure to re-enlist any students who were on your roster last year and who are still around this year.

▼ Promote new memberships at all of your Chapter events—seminars, workshops, field trips, and even social events.

▼ Contact MRS for membership brochures and sample issues of the MRS Bulletin, then use them as promotional materials.

▼ Look up your university in the MRS Online Membership Directory. Any MRS student members listed there, who are not members of your Chapter, are marketing leads for your recruitment campaign.

▼ Department rosters listing students enrolled in chemistry, physics, ceramics, MS&E and other materials-related fields may also be available from your university. Check them out for your recruiting purposes.
MRS University Chapter
Officer and Faculty Advisor Responsibilities

▼ Chapter officers and faculty advisors must be familiar with the articles of the MRS Board Policy which govern University Chapters. They are responsible for fulfilling such obligations as the annual activity reports.

▼ Chapter officers and faculty advisors must be current members of the MRS. To start or reactivate a Chapter will require at least 10 current members of The Materials Research Society—8 students and 2 regular (faculty). According to the Policy, a University will be deemed inactive if its membership declines below two regular members and three student members for a period of 12 months.

▼ University Chapters are part of their host academic institution. Chapter officers and faculty advisors are responsible for the resources of their organization and are encouraged to follow the policies and procedures of their host academic institution.

▼ We ask that you keep us posted on changes in Chapter leadership. For us to serve you better, we need to get complete address information about your officers and faculty advisors. Please advise us whenever there’s a change.

▼ Each active University Chapter must submit, by April 1, an annual financial report covering the prior calendar year. The report should include a summary of revenue and expenses. For your convenience, an annual financial report form is included in this handbook.

▼ Each active University Chapter must also submit an annual activity report by June 15 of each year. For your convenience, a more complete explanation of the annual activity report may be found on page 9 of this handbook.

▼ A University Chapter Representatives Meeting is held at most of the MRS Spring and Fall Meetings. This is a great way to learn more what other Chapters are doing, about programs offered by MRS, and about the most effective ways to succeed as a Chapter. Please make plans to have a representative at each MRS meeting as the travel reimbursement is contingent upon at least one person from the Chapter being present at the University Chapter Representatives Meeting. If your Chapter is not represented at the meeting, your travel reimbursement may be disallowed.

▼ Chapters are eligible for up to $500 per year in travel reimbursements to help student members attend the MRS Spring and Fall Meetings. However, the Chapter must have a written policy regarding award of these travel reimbursements. Requests for reimbursement need to be made in writing by the Chapter president. And as noted above, the travel reimbursement is contingent upon at least one person from the Chapter being present at the University Chapter Representatives Meeting. If your Chapter is not represented at the meeting, your travel reimbursement may be disallowed.

▼ The MRS Board Policy 5.5.1 prohibits University Chapters from entering into agreements in the name of the Materials Research Society without prior written authorization from the MRS President. University Chapters cannot incur indebtedness on behalf of the Society without similar written authorization.

▼ No action or obligations of a University Chapter shall be considered an action or obligation of the Materials Research Society. A statement to this effect must be imprinted in any contractual or financial agreement entered into by a University Chapter. MRS and its officers, directors members and employees are not liable for any actions taken by University Chapter officers and faculty advisors.
MRS University Chapter
Annual Activity Report and Chapter Rebate

The deadline for MRS University Chapter annual activity reports and rebate applications is **June 15**. In the event that June 15 falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the Monday immediately following. Please note: **Absolutely NO exceptions will be made for extending this deadline.**

A completed report for the past academic year must accompany your rebate request, and must be received at MRS Headquarters no later than 5PM Eastern Time on the day of the deadline. Rebate applications may be disqualified if received after this date. E-mail submissions are also permitted.

**MRS University Chapter Annual Activity Report**
Please follow the enclosed format to submit your annual activity report. This new form was developed with input from both Chapter representatives and the Academic Affairs Committee. The objective is to make the reporting process both more effective and more efficient. To that end, constructive comments from University Chapters are always welcome.

**Chapter Rebates**
A roster of your Chapter members must accompany your annual activity report. For each Chapter member who is also a current student member of MRS, the Chapter is entitled to a $10 rebate. Regular members (e.g., faculty advisors) should also be listed on the roster, but will NOT count toward the rebate.

Because many MRS members have similar names, it is important that you provide complete address information for each of your Chapter members. Please provide mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail addresses. This will help us to verify your roster more quickly and should enable more rapid issuance of your rebate check.

Using the roster you provide, MRS will verify those Chapter members who are also current members of the Society, and will then issue your rebate check by the end of July.

MRS University Chapter annual activity reports, and applications and rosters for MRS University Chapter rebates, may be submitted to:

**Lorri A. Smiley**
Professional Services and Awards Coordinator
Materials Research Society
506 Keystone Drive
Warrendale, PA 15086
Tel: 724-779-2733
Fax: 724-779-8313
E-mail: smiley@mrs.org

**NOTE:** As per U.S. federal requirements, MRS reserves the right not to process any transaction that it determines, in its sole discretion, may violate any law or regulation applying to persons or nations on the United States Treasury Department’s Specially Designated Nationals list or any similar list maintained by the U.S. Government.

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MRS University Chapter
Benefits—TRAVEL SUPPORT

Student members of your University Chapter may apply for travel support to attend MRS Spring and Fall Meetings. Each MRS Chapter is entitled to $500 per calendar year for this purpose. Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines.

Special Notes
▼ Your Chapter should have a written policy regarding how such reimbursements are granted.
▼ There is no reimbursement for meeting registration fees.
▼ There is no per-diem reimbursement for meals or other miscellaneous expenses. All meals and other qualifying expenses must be documented.
▼ The travel reimbursement is contingent upon at least one person from the Chapter being present at the University Chapter Representatives Meeting, held during each Spring and Fall Meeting. If your Chapter is not represented at the luncheon, your travel reimbursement may be disallowed.

Deadline for Submission of Travel Support Form and Receipts
Spring Meeting reimbursement requests must be received by June 15. This deadline is firm – no late requests will be accepted.

Fall Meeting reimbursement requests must be received by January 15. This date is firm since MRS must close its books on the prior tax year.

Guidelines and Procedures
1. Each University Chapter is entitled to $500 per calendar year for travel support to MRS Spring or Fall meetings. The entitlement applies to the year in which the expenses were incurred, not the year in which they were paid (i.e., expense claims paid in January for travel to the previous Fall Meeting apply to the previous year entitlement for that University Chapter, not the current year). The deadline for submission of expense statements for the previous year is January 15.

2. The entitlement may be used entirely for the Fall or Spring Meeting or may be split as desired between them. Any claim for the Spring Meeting reduces the amount available for reimbursement for the Fall Meeting.

3. Reimbursable expenses include normal travel, lodging and meals. Personal car transportation reimbursement includes either mileage at the current price/per mile rate or actual expenses. According to IRS regulations, reimbursement cannot include both mileage and gasoline charges. The mile rate includes reimbursement for gasoline expenses. Meeting registrations and proceedings are not reimbursable. Please note that there is no per diem reimbursement.

4. To obtain reimbursement of expenses, the University Chapter president must submit a statement to MRS Headquarters. All requests for reimbursement must be approved by the University Chapter president. The statement should list the expenses to be reimbursed to each student and contain documentation of the expense items. No checks will be processed without documentation. MRS will send checks payable to the students in a group to the University Chapter president or directly to the individual students. MRS will not send payment to one individual who is expected to then repay other students, nor will funds be sent to a University Chapter bank account for subsequent distribution.

5. Ordinarily, payments will be made as reimbursements. Advance payments will be made only in exceptional circumstances. In such instances, University Chapter presidents should discuss the situation and their request with the Director of Membership Development

6. As per U.S. federal requirements, MRS reserves the right not to process any transaction that it determines, in its sole discretion, may violate any law or regulation applying to persons or nations on the United States Treasury Department’s Specially Designated Nationals list or any similar list maintained by the U.S. Government.
This program was developed to assist University Chapters in sponsoring speakers who epitomize an interdisciplinary approach to materials science and engineering.

**Funds available**
- Up to $150 per Chapter, per year, to help defray speaker expenses
- Additional funds may be available if there is matching support and if the event is combined with an MRS membership drive, or if there are other special circumstances.

*NOTE: There is a limited budget for this program. Distinguished Speaker Support is available on a first come/first serve basis, until the annual budget is depleted.*

**Additional assistance may also be available from MRS**
- Assistance in identifying potential speakers
- Marketing and promotion support
- Services such as signage, certificates, etc.

*Please Note: All proposals must be reviewed and approved by the Special Projects Subcommittee of the MRS Academic Affairs Committee.*

**MRS University Chapter Benefits—SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM**

The Special Projects Program was designed to broaden awareness of materials science education in both professional and nonprofessional communities by providing programs for distribution between University Chapters and MRS Sections and/or for use outside MRS. To obtain funding, a written proposal must be submitted to MRS and should include:

- a description of the project and its value to further materials science education
- a cost estimate
- an estimated time of completion
- a clear description of the deliverable

The **deadline for submitting Special Projects proposals is December 15th of each year. The Special Projects Subcommittee of the MRS Academic Affairs Committee will review and recommend proposals for funding. The final decision is made by the Academic Affairs Committee Chair and will be announced by January 20th of the following year.**

There is no designated format for these projects; any transferable media is acceptable. The MRS headquarters lending library will be the main repository for these projects. Chapters may elect to archive these materials as well.

**Proposals for either the Distinguished Speaker Support or the Special Projects Program may be submitted via e-mail, fax, or regular mail to:**

Chair, MRS Special Projects Subcommittee  
c/o Lorri A. Smiley, Professional Services and Awards Coordinator  
Materials Research Society • 506 Keystone Drive • Warrendale, PA 15086  
Tel 724-779-2733 • Fax 724-779-8313 • smiley@mrs.org

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MRS University Chapter
Benefits—TURNBULL LECTURER PROGRAM

The David Turnbull Lecture is a recently instituted awards program of the Materials Research Society that recognizes an outstanding teacher in materials science and engineering. University Chapters may benefit from this program in two ways:

A small travel fund has been set aside for the current Turnbull Lecturer to speak at MRS Chapter events. Funding and opportunities, however, are limited and require considerable advance planning.

Procedures and Guidelines
Lecture Date
Contact the Turnbull lecturers to arrange a mutually satisfactory date.

Cost and Cost Sharing
Estimate the total cost for the Turnbull Lecturer’s visit. Since the largest part of the expense is likely to be travel costs, consult your local travel agent for estimates on air fares. You may also want to consider alternate, non-MRS funding sources to help support this project. More specifically:

▼ ask the Turnbull lecturers what fraction, if any, of the travel cost may be paid by his/her institution
▼ determine the extent of financial support available from any co-sponsors of the event
▼ explore possible underwriting by local industry or other organizations

Prepare Proposal
Prepare a brief proposal for the event. Include the proposed date, estimated number and demographics of the audience (e.g. how many attendees from industry, universities, government labs, students, etc.), total cost, additional financial support expected from non-MRS sources, financial support requested from the Turnbull Lectureship Fund, and any other information that will support the proposal. Note that at present, the Fund will pay up to one-half of the costs, with a maximum support per lecture of $500. The Turnbull Lectureship Subcommittee Chair and Awards Committee Chair will have flexibility in deciding how to deal with special situations.

Submission of Proposal
Submit the proposal to Lorri A. Smiley, Professional Services & Awards Coordinator (smiley@mrs.org). She will then submit it to the Turnbull Lectureship Subcommittee Chair and to the Awards Committee Chair for review and decision, and will notify the Chapter of the decision as soon as possible.

Logistics
If the proposal is approved, Ms. Smiley will handle further arrangements with Chapter officials. Expense statements must be submitted to Ms. Smiley for reimbursement to the Turnbull Lecturer, to the Chapter, or as otherwise appropriate. In an unusual circumstance where advance funds are needed, the Director of Membership Affairs will address the request with Chapter officials after the support proposal has been approved by the Turnbull Lectureship Subcommittee Chair and the Awards Committee Chair.
MRS University Chapter
Benefits—MAILING LISTS

Need to get a list of current or prospective MRS members in your area? We can help.

MRS maintains a substantial database of materials scientists and engineers, and we would be pleased to furnish mailing lists to Chapters engaged in promoting their own activities as well as those of MRS.

MRS University Chapter
Benefits—MARKETING AND IN-KIND SUPPORT

At MRS we understand the importance of marketing and promotion. So, if there is anything extra we can do to help make your Chapter more successful, please let us know. In the past, MRS staff and volunteers have furnished the following kinds of services to University Chapters:

▼ brainstorming on new activities and promotions
▼ speaker suggestions
▼ information on how to organize a symposium
▼ awards for student poster sessions
  • membership in MRS
  • symposium proceedings
  • videotapes
  • journal subscriptions
▼ short course assistance
▼ prizes for use in raffles and auctions
▼ certificates for award presentations
▼ signs for meetings
▼ mailing lists and statistical reports

For more information on MAILING LISTS or MARKETING SUPPORT, contact:
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MRS University Chapter
Benefits—NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

MRS currently fosters communication among Chapters through various means. These include:

▼ Chapter Representative Meetings
At each MRS Fall Meeting and Spring Meeting representatives from MRS Chapters get together to report on recent successes and current challenges. This idea-sharing has proven to be very useful and helps to maintain momentum. This event also provides MRS with an opportunity to report on new projects, products and services that may be of interest or use to the student community.

▼ MRS Web Site
MRS devotes a portion of its Web site to information on University Chapters. We also have links to many of our Chapter sites. If your Chapter has a Web site, send the link URL to Lorri Smiley at smiley@mrs.org and she’ll make sure you’re connected.

▼ MRS Bulletin
The MRS Bulletin wants to hear about newsworthy activities at the local level. The information, however, should be of interest to all of the MRS international membership.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Chapter reports:

Length of Report—200-400 words per news item

Frequency—Variable

Deadlines—If the report is prearranged with the MRS Bulletin staff, it must be submitted by the 10th of the month, two months in advance of the scheduled issue. If the report has not been prearranged with the Bulletin staff, it will appear in the next available issue.

Level of Presentation—The audience for MRS Bulletin includes engineers, scientists and managers from academia, industry and government laboratories. These readers also come from diverse backgrounds in materials science and other related fields such as physics, chemistry and engineering. Writers should therefore avoid using technical jargon; terms unfamiliar to the nonspecialist should be omitted or defined and explained clearly.

Submissions—MRS Bulletin prefers to receive reports by e-mail accompanied by a fax. Regular mail is a last preference. Chapter reports should be submitted to:

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Tel 724-779-2747 • Fax 724-779-8313 • meiksin@mrs.org

▼ Other Ideas Welcome!
Special Project Grants are available for enterprising Chapters that have good ideas on how to facilitate networking. See Special Project section within this handbook.

For more information on any of the above NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES, contact:
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