

# ICMA | student chapters

## ICMA Sister Student Chapter Program

The goals of the ICMA Sister Chapter Program are to:

- Develop partnerships between ICMA Student Chapters, both domestic and international
- Create opportunities for the members of sister chapters to experience and explore other chapter's activities, programs, and events
- Create an atmosphere in which chapters can exchange information on best practices in chapter leadership, event planning, networking, and career advancement
- Stimulate environments through which chapters can creatively learn, work and solve problems together
- Collaborate with chapters who are working towards similar goals such as increasing membership recruitment, developing stronger relationships with the surrounding community, or finding more opportunities to bring local government professions to chapter events

The process to create a sister chapter partnership is as followed:

1. Work within your chapter to determine the goals of a sister partnership and what you hope to achieve through this program.
2. Email [careers@icma.org](mailto:careers@icma.org) or [rdesantis@icma.org](mailto:rdesantis@icma.org) to express your interest in the program and explain your goals and any specific requests for your sister chapters, i.e. a chapter in your region, a chapter facing similar challenges, a chapter abroad, etc.
3. ICMA staff will start the process of finding a sister chapter match by searching our current pool of interested chapters or recruiting new chapters to serve as a sister chapter.
4. When a match has been found, ICMA staff will email the chapters to e-introduce them and allow them to start conversing and determining how they would like their partnership to look.
5. If after a few weeks the chapters decide that this match will continue forward, one or both chapter presidents will email the ICMA staff to let us know. If chapters do not decide to move forward, the chapter president will alert ICMA staff.

Possible Sister Chapter Activities:

- Virtual meetings with chapter leadership to discuss similar chapter challenges and brainstorm solutions
- Joint or co-sponsored chapter events, such as panels, networking events, or site visits to local governments
- Sponsored virtual conference calls or speakers available online to both chapters' members
- Co-writing ICMA blogs or articles to talk about student chapter activities or challenges/situations that students face in seeking careers in local government