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| **UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER – EXPANSION PROPOSAL** |

An expansion proposal is required for all fraternities and sororities seeking recognition at the University of Rochester. The expansion proposal consists of four parts:

1. Overview
2. Organization Information
3. Expectations for Excellence plan
4. Supplemental Documentation

An expansion proposal may come from an inter/national organization, a graduate chapter, or from interested undergraduate students.

Submit your completed expansion proposal to the assistant director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, jay skye, at jay.skye@rochester.edu

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| **Part 1: Overview** |

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1. **Organization Name**

1. **Name and email address of individual coordinating the expansion proposal**

1. **Why does your organization want to expand to the University of Rochester?**

1. **What benefits will the University of Rochester gain from your organization’s presence?**

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| **Part 2: Organization Information** |

You may respond within this proposal form or submit your answers as an attachment.

1. **Current list of national officers, alumni/ae, graduate and/or chapter advisor(s), with current mailing addresses, email address, and phone number contact information.  Please specify who will be responsible for the expansion effort and new member education / intake.**

1. **Current list of potential members. At least four University of Rochester undergraduate students must be part of an initial new member class/line in order to receive recognition.**

1. **List of undergraduate chapters established in the past two years and any planned expansions in the next two years. Also include and describe any expansion efforts that were unsuccessful.**

1. **Contact information for the campus fraternity/sorority advisor on the campus from their most recent expansion.**

1. **A description of the nature of the support, including financial and professional staff, the inter/national organization and/or graduate chapter and advisors would provide the expansion effort.**

1. **The costs associated with membership (e.g., application fee, initiation fee, annual dues, insurance fee).**

1. **The locations of the five nearest chapter(s).**

1. **The number of alumni on record within a 50 mile radius, specifying which will be actively involved in the establishment of the chapter.**

1. **The organization’s membership eligibility policy, specifically as it pertains to gender.**

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| **Part 3: Community Standards** |

In 2026, the University of Rochester will have a new annual review process for fraternities and sororities to support chapter operations, promote member and leadership development, and encourage campus engagement. The program follows a success-driven model that encourages organizations to become a larger part of the campus community rather than exist as insular groups on the periphery of the university. The program encourages co-sponsorship of events with other fraternities, sororities, and campus organizations as well as greater interaction with college faculty/staff and use of university resources. Recognized organizations will be reviewed annually.

The six standards are listed below with a short description. For each standard, please describe any initiatives, policies, resources, programs, etc. that you will use to help fulfill this standard. Please refer to inter/national initiatives as well as campus organizations and resources with which you plan to engage. The purpose of this section is to demonstrate your organization’s alignment with the priorities of the University of Rochester. Limit your response to 300 words per standard.

**Standard #1: Chapter Operations**

*We demonstrate excellence by meeting all expectations set by our inter/national organization, governing council, and the university. Our chapter demonstrates integrity by completing required training, maintaining a current roster, regularly reviewing governing documents, and meeting the expectations of active chapters. We are committed to member retention, alumni engagement, and sustaining membership through each stage of the undergraduate experience.*

**Standard #2: Health & Safety**

*We actively promote the well-being of our members by educating them on risk management, prevention strategies, and campus resources. We participate in training on hazing, sexual misconduct, alcohol and other drugs (AOD), and prepare our members to respond in crises. Our chapter reviews our risk management policies, implements risk mitigation tactics, and aims to create a culture of care and shared responsibility.*

**Standard #3: Social Responsibility**

*Our chapter is committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and affirming environment for all members and guests. We recognize our impact and responsibility to contribute meaningfully to the campus and greater Rochester community. We strive to create space for dialogue and understanding by participating in and hosting programs that respond to identity, social issues, and community needs. Our chapter is proactive in responding to bias and upholds a clear protocol to address harmful behaviors.*

**Standard #4: Academic and Career Development**

*We create an environment where members are supported in their academic goals and prepared for life after college. Our chapter maintains strong academic performance and provides resources for academic support and accountability. We connect members to honor societies and support their scholarly achievements. Through career-focused programs and mentorship, we help members explore opportunities aligned with their strengths and aspirations.*

**Standard #5: Member and Leadership Development**

*We encourage the development of strong leaders within our chapter by promoting leadership training opportunities for our officers and our members. Through formal and informal positions, everyone in our organization can be a leader. Members leverage the strengths of the community to reach common goals and use interpersonal skills for coaching and development. Members also engage meaningfully outside their organization, learning about diverse and intersectional experiences in the campus and city communities. Through a process of learning and applying skills, members can accomplish measurable and meaningful change.*

**Standard #6: Community Engagement and Sense of Belonging**

*We foster meaningful connections within our chapter and with the campus community. Members feel a strong sense of belonging through shared experiences and campus traditions. We promote brotherhood, sisterhood, and friendship within our chapter. We build our larger network through participation in council initiatives and collaborations with other student organizations. Our chapter contributes to a welcoming and vibrant community where members are valued and connected to something greater than themselves.*

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| **Part 4: Supplemental Documentation** |

Please attach the following items to your Expansion Proposal.

1. A **letter** from the National or Graduate/Alumni Chapter President that confirms national support of the expansion.
2. The current **constitution and by-laws** of the National organization and local chapter.
3. An updated copy of the organization’s **New Member Education/Membership Intake policy** and outline of procedure.  This outline must be consistent with all applicable state, university, and national organization rules and regulations.
4. A copy of the organization’s current **insurance certificate**.