



Welcome to Tau Beta Pi!

Fellow classmates and colleagues,

Congratulations on your outstanding academic achievements! Your drive to succeed in scholarship has made you one of the top performers of your class, and earned you an invite to Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society!

Tau Beta Pi (TBP) is the oldest engineering honor society in the United States that recognizes engineering students who have demonstrated distinguished scholarship and exemplary character. It is the second oldest collegiate honor society in the country, and the only one that represents the entire engineering profession. Founded in 1885 at Lehigh University by Professor Edward H. Williams Jr, TBP has grown leaps and bounds to 257 active collegiate chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico, and even Qatar. In total, over 600,000 engineers have been initiated to Tau Beta Pi as lifelong members. We are also unique as an honors society in that we encompass all majors within engineering.

The Michigan Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Pi was founded at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1906, and has since grown to be the second largest TBP chapter. Michigan Gamma brings together the great minds of the diverse engineering fields in the College of Engineering, and has initiated over 10,000 members to-date, including notable personalities like American astronaut Edward H. White II, and Google co-founder and CEO Larry Page. Michigan Gamma is also one of the most active TBP chapters, organizing dozens of service, social, and professional development events each semester. Some of our notable events include co-hosting the Fall SWE/TBP Career Fair which is one of the largest academic career fairs in the country, and Cub Scouts Day where we help local Cub Scouts earn their Engineering Pin by organizing various engaging modules, such as the famed Egg Drop Project. We also offer free one-on-one tutoring, and organize fun social and inter-society events, all aimed to bring a strong community that fosters academic excellence, professional and personal integrity, and a spirit of liberal culture in the field of engineering.

By participating in Tau Beta Pi, you will have the opportunity to meet fantastic peers from across the field of engineering who, like yourselves, are driven towards achieving academic excellence and enthusiastic to engage with the community. In this first general meeting, you will learn of the various benefits that come from being a member of TBP, including opportunities for community service, networking, professional development, scholarship and leadership. You will also learn of the requirements to be completed in order to gain membership into TBP—and though they may seem daunting at first, you can be assured that we are here to help you achieve these goals. Included in this packet is the information you will need in order to elect into TBP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

We hope you will choose to elect into membership for Tau Beta Pi. And remember—membership in Tau Beta Pi is lifelong, so once a member, always a member!

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Graduate Electee Packet - Fall 2026

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If you are missing something, please stop by the office (1226 EECS, also known as the Bullpen) or visit the Electee Resources page on the website (tbp.engin.umich.edu) for a PDF version of this document. Also, feel free to contact the Graduate Student Vice President (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu). **Sign up for interviews and create a website profile** at tbp.engin.umich.edu.

Officer Chats - Fall 2026

Please come visit us during our Officer Chats located in the Bullpen (1226 EECS). We can answer any questions or help you with your electing process! You can see any updates to the Officer Chats schedule at tbpmig.org/oh. The current schedule for Officer Chats is as follows:

Executive Team	Tuesday	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
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Events Team	Monday	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
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Chapter Team	Monday	TBD
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Information Sheet - Fall 2026

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Important Dates

September

8	First General	6:30 pm	1013 DOW
14-15	Career Fair	All Day	Duderstadt
22	Second General	6:30 pm	1013 DOW
23-25	Interviews	All Day*	Duderstadt
29	New Initiatives I	6:30 pm	2153 GGBL

October

13	Third General	6:30 pm	2505 GGBL
20	New Initiatives II	6:30 pm	2153 GGBL

November

3	Fourth General	6:30 pm	2505 GGBL
10	New Initiatives III	6:30 pm	2153 GGBL
17	Elections	6:30 pm	2505 GGBL

December

1	Fifth General	6:30 pm	2505 GGBL
5	Initiation**	3:30 pm	1500 EECS
5	Banquet	6:00 pm	TBD

* Interviews will take place in Duderstadt 1120A and 1120B from 9am-9pm. You can schedule a 30 minute interview slot on the website.

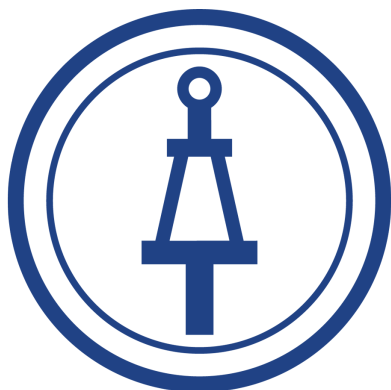
** Deadline to complete all electee requirements

General Information

TBP Office (Bullpen)
1226 EECS

Officers Email
tbp.officers@umich.edu

Website
tbp.engin.umich.edu or tbpmig.org



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Officers (@umich.edu)

Executive Committee

President	Catherine Liang (tbp.president)
Vice President	Aidan Shores (tbp.vicepresident)
Graduate Student Vice President	Brian Ferguson (tbp.gradvicepresident)
Secretary	Nicholas Oncken (tbp.secretary)
Treasurer	Cate Costew (tbp.treasurer)
External Vice President	Michael (Cap) Capitani (tbp.externalvicepresident)
External Vice President	Anushka Acharya (tbp.externalvicepresident)

Events Team

Service Coordinator	Vasiliki (Valia) Tsirikis (tbp.service)
Campus Outreach Officer	Natalie Garvey (tbp.campusoutreach)
Activities Officer	Elise Segal (tbp.activities)
Professional Development Officer	Kaushal Kumar (tbp-corporate)
K-12 Outreach Officer	Ava Martin (tbp.k12outreach)
K-12 Outreach Officer	Taylor Lewis (tbp.k12outreach)

Chapter Team

Chapter Development Officer	Nicholas Frieler (tbp.chapterdevelopment)
Membership Officer	Matthew Chi (tbp.membership)
Publicity Officer	Chaison Stuart (tbp.publicity)
Historian	Peak Shinawatra (tbp.historian)

Advisors

Leland Pierce	EECS	lep	Faculty Advisor
Kyle Lady	EECS	kylelady	Chief Advisor
Michael Benson	EECS	mlbenson	Alumnus Advisor
Hunter Muench	EECS	hmuench	Alumnus Advisor
Drew Boughton	ME	drbought	Alumnus Advisor



Graduate Electee Requirements

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The following is a chronological list of the requirements involved in the TBP electee process. Please note the dates of the meetings and requirements on your calendar.

1. **Attend First General*** (September 8th, 6:30pm in 1013 Dow) or the alternate First General (January 30th, 6:30pm in DOW 1013).
2. **Log into tbp.engin.umich.edu, create an account, and start signing up for events.**
If you are unable to sign up for events, please let us know. Use the "Event List" link under the "Calendar" Menu to sign up for events and the "Track my Progress" link under the "Membership" menu to keep an eye on which requirements you have completed.
3. **Make sure that the following are completed before Monday, September 21st.**
 - (a) Sign up for a 30-minute interview (https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/calendar/event_list/)
 - (b) Complete the Electee Questionnaire (https://tbp.engin.umich.edu/members/electees/electee_groups/)
 - (c) Upload a copy of your resume to your website profile.
4. **Make sure the following forms are completed before September 22nd.**
Turn in all physical forms at Second General or to any officer during officer chats. Officer chats schedule at: (tbp.engin.umich.edu/oh).
 - (a) Graduate Electee Advisor Form (copy included in this packet)
 - (b) Online Graduate Education Form (OGEF) (http://tbp.engin.umich.edu/members/electees/submit_education_form)

If you are a Ph.D. student but will also be receiving a Master's degree along the way (check with your program's Graduate Coordinator!), please circle "Master's" in the "Graduate Electee Advisor Form" and list both Master's and Ph.D. under the Degrees section of the OGEF.

 - (c) In order to volunteer at any of the K-12 events that involve minors, you must complete various forms at tbp.org/k12-paperwork. We recommend you have this done by **September 22nd(Second General)**. Please contact the K-12 Officers (tbp.k12outreach@umich.edu) if you have any questions.
5. **Attend Second General*** (September 22nd, 6:30pm in 2505 GGBL).
6. **Attend interview with Active Grad Student Member(s)** (scheduled September 23rd-25th).
Grad Vice President, Brian Ferguson, will arrange graduate interviews separately from undergraduate interviews. (See Requirement 3)
7. **Complete Catalog Card Online** (Will receive email from secretary)
8. **Attend Third General*** (October 13th, 6:30pm in 2505 GGBL).
9. **Attend Fourth General*** (November 3rd, 6:30pm in 2505 GGBL).

10. **Complete at least ten* hours of service projects before December 1st.**

(a) **At least 50% of these service hours completed before October 27th.**

Events are scheduled via the website (tbp.engin.umich.edu). Signing up is a commitment to go! You must un-sign up at least 24 hours in advance or you will need to complete an extra service hour. We recommend making sure the website (under the "Track my Progress" tab) accurately displays what you have completed. If not, please contact the website chair (tbp.website@umich.edu).

11. **Complete at least THREE TBP social / Professional Development events before December 1st and complete at least ONE social event before October 27th.** Socials / Professional Development events include Happy Hours, ice cream/game nights, sports, Rock 'n' Bowls, Mock Interviews, Engineering Futures, and many more.
12. **Attend at least ONE grad social before December 1st.** The Graduate Student Vice President and others will be scheduling a number of Grad Activities this semester, possibly including movie nights, a TG at Buffalo Wild Wings, and many more. If you have an idea for a grad event, please contact the Grad Vice President at (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu).
13. **Complete Grad Electee Exam before December 1st.** Complete a brief open-book exam on the TBP National Constitution and Bylaws; reading these is required by the national organization to become a member of Tau Beta Pi.
14. **Attend Elections*** (November 17th, 6:30pm in 2505 GGBL). Staying to the end of elections counts for **extra service hours** (the total number depends upon the length of elections). Attendance at Elections **cannot** be made up by extra hours, so if you cannot make it, please contact the Graduate Vice President.
15. **Attend Fifth General*** (December 1st, 6:30pm in 2505 GGBL).
16. **Attend Initiation** (December 5th, 3:30pm in 1500 EECS) and **Banquet** (December 5th, 6:00pm location TBD). **All requirements above must be completed by the December 1st to be eligible for initiation!** Attendance at Initiation is required by the national organization to become a member of Tau Beta Pi. If you have an unavoidable conflict, talk to us ASAP.

Remember, this is only what you *have* to do — there are no limits on what you can do!

*If you must miss a meeting (due to class, travel, etc.):

- Email Graduate Student Vice President, Brian Ferguson (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu)
- Obtain an agenda for the missed meeting (on tbp.engin.umich.edu).
- **Make up the meeting with one extra hour of service.**



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Graduate Electee Checklist - Fall 2026

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Use this quick checklist to stay organized with all the requirements and deadlines for the TBP electing process!

Done	Due Date	Event/Activity
_____	September 8 th	First General Meeting**
_____	Monday, September 21 st	Create profile on website
_____	Monday, September 21 st	Online Electee Questionnaire
_____	Monday, September 21 st	Sign-up for interview (September 23 rd -25 th)
_____	Monday, September 21 st	Submit Advisor and OGEF forms
_____	September 22 nd	Second General Meeting**
_____	September 22 nd	UofM Background Check
_____	September 23 rd -25 th	Complete Interview
_____	October 6 th	One grad electee team meeting
_____	October 6 th	3 service hours in total (recommended)
_____	October 13 th	Third General Meeting**
_____	October 27 th	≥ 5 service hours in total (required)
_____	October 27 th	≥ 1 social event in total (required)
_____	November 3 rd	Fourth General Meeting**
_____	November 17 th	Elections**
_____	December 1 st	Fifth General Meeting**
_____	December 1 st	Complete ≥ 10 service hours in total
_____	December 1 st	Complete ≥ 3 social/PD hours (≥ 1 grad social)
_____	December 1 st	Attend grad electee team meeting
_____	December 1 st	Complete grad electee exam
_____	December 5 th	Initiation** and Banquet

** REQUIRED MEETING: Please inform the Graduate Vice President (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu) if you cannot attend.



Character Evaluation - Fall 2026

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Exemplary character is one of the requisites for membership in Tau Beta Pi. In addition to being active members of the engineering community, Tau Beta Pi members must meet the **highest standards of moral character**. Our chapter will assess your character through written essays and an interview.

Electee Interview Questionnaire:

The first component of the character assessment in Tau Beta Pi is the Electee Interview Questionnaire. You will be required to complete a questionnaire with a couple fun questions, four short answer questions, and one essay question. Please note that this questionnaire (and a copy of your résumé) are due by **Monday, September 21st** by submitting them through the website. The questionnaire can be found under Members → Electee Resources while your résumé should be submitted to your website profile. Submit your **essay and résumé** by **Monday, September 21st**.

Some of the short answer will provide you with the opportunity to share a part of your personality with us. Others will ask for your opinion on topics related to academic integrity. While not a direct question on character, these question will allow us to better understand you, your thinking, and grasp your personal character.

As an organization that stresses the importance of exemplary character in our electees and our active members, the essay is a **crucial** part of character assessment. This (one page) essay is a rather open-ended assignment, and we encourage you to get creative with your description. Nevertheless, exemplary character is not an arbitrary concept, and we are looking for specific evidence that you know what this important quality means. Tau Beta Pi members should meet the highest standard of moral character. The quotes on the following page may help inspire you on the subject of exemplary character, but don't limit yourself to those ideas.

The questionnaire can be found and completed under **Members → Electee Resources at tbp.engin.umich.edu**. Be ready to discuss your answers during your interviews.

Interviews:

The interview is the most important part of character assessment. Interviews will be held **September 23rd-25th** in Duderstadt 1120A and 1120B. Each interview should last about 25 minutes and starts no later than 5 minutes after the scheduled start time (to allow for travel from classes). Dress is casual — you don't need to wear a suit. Electees can be denied membership on the basis of a negative interview, so take the process seriously. Interviewers will review the résumé and the answers to the Electee Interview Questionnaire you submitted by **Monday, September 21st**. Sign up for a graduate electee interview on the website (tbp.engin.umich.edu).

Interview Dates: **September 23rd-25th**

Location: **Duderstadt 1120A and 1120B**

Requirements: **Dress is casual**

Sign up for a graduate electee interview under **"Events" at tbp.engin.umich.edu**.

Submit your questionnaire answers under **Members → Electee Resources at tbp.engin.umich.edu** and your résumé to your **website profile** by Monday, September 21st.

The interview information will be re-addressed before Second General. However, if you have any questions or scheduling issues, please contact the Graduate Vice President (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu).

Quotes about Character

“Character, not circumstance, makes the person.”

– Booker T. Washington, American educator and civil rights activist (1856-1915)

“Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”

– Abraham Lincoln, 16th U.S. president (1809-1865)

“It is with trifles, and when he is off guard, that a man best reveals his character.”

– Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (1788-1860)

“Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.”

– Albert Einstein, Swiss-American mathematician and physicist (1879-1955)

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

– Helen Keller, American author, activist and lecturer (1880-1968)

“When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.”

– Japanese Proverb

“The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character.”

– Margaret Chase Smith, American Senator (1897-1995)

“The best index to a person’s character is (a) how he treats people who can’t do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can’t fight back.”

– Abigail Van Buren, American columnist (1918-2013)



Graduate Electee Advisor Form

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To: Brian Ferguson
Graduate Student Vice President
Tau Beta Pi – Michigan Gamma
1226 EECS

From: _____
(Advisor's Name)

Re: Tau Beta Pi Candidacy of

(Applicant's Name)

I certify that the above named graduate student in Engineering at the University of Michigan has completed or will complete prior to induction (December 5th) at least 50% of his/her

Master's Ph.D. (please circle one)

degree requirements including both coursework and research. Based upon the student's academic performance, I recommend his/her induction into Tau Beta Pi – The Engineering Honor Society.

(Advisor's Signature)

Return this form to Brian Ferguson, MI-G Graduate Student Vice President, at 1226 EECS, or via email (tbp.gradvicepresident@umich.edu) by September 22nd.