



Welcome to Tau Beta Pi!

Dear fellow peer,

Congratulations on your outstanding academic achievements! Your drive to succeed in scholarship has made you one of the top performers of your class, and has 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 (MI-G) chapter of TBP was founded at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1906, and has since grown to be the second largest TBP chapter by number of students initiated. MI-G 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 Larry Page. MI-G is also one of the most active TBP chapters, organizing dozens of service, social, and professional development events each semester.

Most importantly, however, is that we are a community. By participating in Tau Beta Pi, you will have the opportunity to meet fantastic students from across the field of engineering who, like yourselves, are driven towards achieving academic excellence and enthusiastic to engage with the community. I joined in Fall 2024, and have gotten to meet so many great individuals, many of whom are now some of my closest friends.

In this first general meeting, you will learn of the various benefits that come from being a member of TBP, including opportunities for social events, community service, networking, professional development, scholarship, and leadership. You will also learn of the requirements 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.

As your Vice President for this semester, I am responsible for assisting you through your “electing” process, that is, your track to becoming a lifelong member of Tau Beta Pi. This packet contains information on our membership requirements, and can be referenced throughout the semester. However, your best resource will be our website, tbp.engin.umich.edu, which has all of our events, up-to-date information, and additional member resources.

I hope to get to know all of you personally, and we hope you will choose to join us in Tau Beta Pi.

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Undergraduate Electee Packet

Fall 2026

Tau Beta Pi MI-G

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If you are missing something, stop by the office, also known as the Bullpen (1226 EECS) or go to the Electee Resources page on the website (tbp.engin.umich.edu). Also, feel free to contact the Vice President (tbp.vicepresident@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 and help you with your electee exam! 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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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.

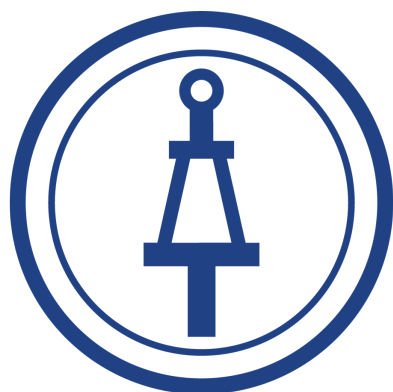
** Deadline to complete all electee requirements

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



Undergraduate Electee Requirements

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The following is a list of the requirements to join Tau Beta Pi MI-G

I. CHARACTER EVALUATION

You must complete an Electee Interview Questionnaire regarding exemplary character and submit your answers, along with a copy of your resume, to the website by **Monday, September 21st**. The interview questionnaire can be found under Electee Resources on the website (tbp.engin.umich.edu). Your resume should be submitted to your website profile. Interviews last about 25 minutes and starts no later than 5 minutes after start time, which will require a total commitment of 30 minutes. Interviews will take place in person in the Duderstadt 1120A and 1120B on September 23rd-25th and dress code is business casual. **Sign up for your interview on the website.**

II. REQUIRED IN-PERSON MEETINGS

If you cannot attend a meeting, first email the Vice President at tbp.vicepresident@umich.edu. Be sure to look over a copy of the meeting's agenda at For Members → Access History → Meeting Minutes on the website. You must then make up the meeting with one extra hour of service or one extra social event, approved by the Vice President. Elections can only be made up with a service hour. All meetings (except Initiation/Banquet) will begin at 6:30pm. See Information Page for locations. If you have repeated conflicts with general meetings (i.e. more than two), please discuss with your respective Vice President.

- i. First General - September 8th
- ii. Second General - September 22nd
- iii. Third General - October 13th
- iv. Fourth General - November 3rd
- v. Elections (for Voting Meeting Attendance) - November 17th
- vi. Fifth General - December 1st
- vii. Initiation & Banquet - December 5th

III. 16 SERVICE HOURS

We recommend you complete at least 4 hours by Second Actives (October 6th) and you are required to complete 8 hours by Third Actives (October 27th). You may do a maximum of 5 independent hours of service (hours not associated with Tau Beta Pi) provided you show adequate proof of your involvement, and that the hours do not count for another society (please contact the Service Coordinator for more information).

A portion of your 16 hours must come from the following event categories:

i. Volunteer for 2 hours at the Fall Engineering Career Fair.

Along with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), TBP is one of the student organizations that co-runs the Fall Engineering Career Fair. All electees are required to volunteer at least 2 hours at the Career Fair; any additional hours will count towards your remaining service hours. Sign up for slots at tbp.org/CF-volunteering. Please reach out to the Vice President if you are unable to fulfill this requirement.

ii. Participate in at least 4 hours of K-12 Outreach service events.

Each electee must participate in at least one approved K-12 Outreach event for a minimum of 4 hours. Any hours over this requirement will count towards your remaining service hours. The following events can count to fill this requirement:

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- i. **MindSETs:** October 4th, November 1st, November 22nd
 - ii. **Cub Scouts Day:** November 14th
 - iii. **Merit Badge Days:** October 25th, November 15th

***In order to volunteer at any of the K-12 events that involve minors, you must complete various forms at tbpmig.org/k12-paperwork. We recommend you have this done by **September 22nd (Second General)**. Please contact the K-12 Outreach Officers (tbp.k12outreach@umich.edu) if you have any questions.

IV. 5 SOCIAL/PD EVENTS

Within the five events you choose to attend, two must be social events and two must be professional development events. Social events include game nights, movie nights, intersociety events, restaurant visits, etc. (If you would like to plan your own social event, you can reach out to the Activities Officer). Professional development events include things such as corporate information sessions, resume reviews, professional headshots, or mock interviews. (tbp.activities@umich.edu)

V. ELECTEE TEAM MEETINGS

You must attend your two electee team meetings, which you will schedule throughout the semester. Contact your electee team lead(s) or the Vice President if you are unable to make one of your team meetings.

VI. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM -"TBPALS"

You must participate in a TBPals group event. TBPals is designed to foster connections between electees from different electee teams as well as active members. You will be contacted soon for more information.

VII. PAPERWORK

All paperwork should be turned in by Fifth General (December 1st) at the TBP Office (1226 EECS), at meetings, or directly to the Vice President via email or Slack.

- i. **Catalog Cards**

You must complete a catalog card on the Nationals website to be allowed to elect. You will receive more information on this from the Secretary, Nicholas Oncken, later in the semester. **Catalog cards must be completed by October 27th.**

- ii. **6 Casual Peer Interviews**

The interviews are to get to know your fellow members in Tau Beta Pi a little better. These interviews should be casual. At least two of the people interviewed must be active members. Think of 6 creative questions to ask members — no mundane questions will be accepted ("What is your favorite color?"). You will work on this with your assigned electee teams, where your leads will give you further instructions.

- iii. **Electee Exam**

The electee exam tests your knowledge of the history of TBP and our chapter. It is not meant to be stressful. We encourage you to work on it together and drop by office hours to ask officers for answers! Please don't ask for answers via email — we want to get to know you!



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 the questionnaire with three fun questions, three short answer questions, and one essay question. The questionnaire can be found under Members → Electee Resources and submitted to the website, while your résumé should be submitted to your website profile. Submit your **questionnaire responses and résumé** by **Monday, September 21st**.

Some of the short answer questions 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 some may not directly relate to your character, these questions will allow us to better understand you and your thinking.

As an organization that stresses the importance of exemplary character in our 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 interview.

Interviews:

The interview is the most important part of character assessment. Interviews will be held in-person on **September 23rd-25th** in the Duderstadt 1120A and 1120B. You must sign up for an interview slot. The interview will take 30 minutes, and you will be interviewed by one or two of our Active members. Dress is business casual. Electees can be denied membership on the basis of a negative interview, so take the process seriously. Don't stress too much about this, though, because it rarely happens. Interviewers will review the résumé and the answers to the Electee Interview Questionnaire you submitted by **Monday, September 21st**.

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

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

Requirements: **Dress is business casual**

Submit your questionnaire answers under Members → Electee Resources at **tbp.org/questionnaire**

and your résumé to your website profile by Monday, September 21st.

If you have any questions or scheduling issues, please contact the Vice President (tbp.vicepresident@umich.edu).

Quotes about Character

"But rules cannot substitute for character."

– Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (b. 1926)

"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)

"One can acquire everything in solitude - except character."

– Henri Stendahl, French novelist (1783-1842)

"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)



Chair and Project Lead Positions

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The following projects and descriptions are examples of some of the service projects that our chapter has carried out in the past, and that you can take part in leading as an individual or team. While "project leading" is optional for your electing semester, it is a great way to earn additional hours, work with other fellow electees, and earn leadership credit, a component of being a "Distinguished" or "Prestigious" member. If you are interested in any of this please contact Vasiliki (Valia) Tsirikis(tbp.service@umich.edu); it is never too early to start getting involved in leadership.

K-12 Outreach Chairs: K-12 Outreach is our largest subset of service, typically hosting hundreds of elementary, middle, and high school students from Ann Arbor and the state of Michigan. K-12 Chairs are responsible for the behind the scenes work of designing curriculum, communicating with parents, and filing regulatory paperwork with the University. We have long-standing events that need support every semester. Go to tbpmig.org/k12-chair (or scan the QR code) to learn more about the available positions this semester. For questions, please direct them to our two K-12 Outreach Officers (tbp.k12outreach@umich.edu).



Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Stewardship Workdays: Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) is a section of the Ann Arbor Government that specializes in the preservation of public parks and nature reserves. NAP hosts weekend Stewardship Workdays that welcome groups of volunteers to help remove invasive plant species to preserve biodiversity.

FIRST Robotics with FAMNM: TBP, in association with the FIRST Alumni and Mentors Network at Michigan (FAMNM), has become involved with volunteering for local FIRST robotics competitions.

Hands-On Musuem: The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum aims to inspire people to discover the wonder of STEM. Have fun with kids while learning cool science facts! Past events include helping children make their own microbes, exploring unique musical instruments, and celebrating DNA day.

KnitWits: KnitWits helps the less fortunate during the cold winters by creating warm clothes from donated material. We tie together scraps of fleece to make blankets, hats, and scarves for the homeless here in Ann Arbor. No experience is necessary; instructions and materials all provided!

NEST: NEST (New Engineering Futures For Tomorrow) is a yearly TBP competition where teams of students work together to present "Engineered for the Greater Good Solutions" at convention. Previous topics include waste management and resource insecurity.

University of Michigan Science Olympiad: University of Michigan Science Olympiad (UMSO) provides an excellent opportunity for both middle school and high school science olympiad teams to compete in a variety of STEM activities. TBP has provided dozens of volunteers to help grade and supervise events.

Zooniverse: Zooniverse is a completely virtual service opportunity that sees volunteers classifying elements for large-scale data sets. Topics include cosmology, biology, history, and many more!