APPLICATION FOR INTERVARSITY CHAPTER AFFILIATION

# Purpose Statement and Doctrinal Basis

A signed chapter application for affiliation from a Christian student group is an expression of the group's affirmation of InterVarsity's [**Purpose Statement**](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/our-purpose) and [Doctrinal Basis](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/what-we-believe):

## [Purpose Statement](http://www.intervarsity.org/about/our/our-purpose)

*In response to God's love, grace and truth:* The purpose of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA® is to establish and advance at colleges and universities witnessing communities of students and faculty who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord: growing in love for God, God’s Word, God’s people of every ethnicity and culture and God’s purposes in the world.

## [Doctrinal Basis](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/what-we-believe)

Each leader of a chapter of the Fellowship affirms at the time of election or before taking office, and yearly thereafter, their belief in the Doctrinal Basis of the Fellowship. Each speaker and Bible study leader shall be in agreement with the Doctrinal Basis of the Fellowship, which is:

We believe in:

The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things,  
 existing eternally in three persons—  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—full of love and glory.

The unique divine inspiration,  
 entire trustworthiness  
 and authority of the Bible.

The value and dignity of all people:  
 created in God's image to live in love and holiness,  
 but alienated from God and each other  
 because of our sin and guilt,  
 and justly subject to God’s wrath.

Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine,  
 who lived as a perfect example,  
 who assumed the judgment due sinners   
 by dying in our place,  
 and who was bodily raised from the dead  
 and ascended as Savior and Lord.

Justification by God's grace to all who repent  
 and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

The indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit,  
 who gives to all believers a new life and  
 a new calling to obedient service.

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ,  
 manifest in worshipping and witnessing churches  
 making disciples throughout the world.

The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ,  
 who will judge all people with justice and mercy,  
 giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation  
 but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

To God be glory forever.

**Chapter Affiliation with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is an annual process. Chapter staff send this completed form to their Area Director, who signs and submits one per chapter to** [***chapteraffiliations@intervarsity.org***](mailto:chapteraffiliations@intervarsity.org) **with attachments (constitution, etc. as necessary).**

Application Date (when students sign): Click here to enter a date.

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Complete, Unabbreviated Name of College/University:

Name of Chapter:

Grad or  Undergrad

Primary Focus (e.g., BCM, Grad, MBA, Greek):

InterVarsity Region and Area:

## CHARTER STATUS

We, the undersigned leaders of the group named above, desire affiliation with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA®. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA is a charter member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Please check the box that best applies to your chapter (if unsure, choose first option):

This agreement is for an initial charter (a group not affiliated with InterVarsity in the past). An electronic copy of the **constitution** for our campus group and **documentation of college or university recognition** are attached.

This agreement is for renewal of our charter (a group affiliated with InterVarsity in the past). Constitution attached if changed.

## CHAPTER LEADERS

Please agree below: I have read and agree with InterVarsity’s [Purpose Statement](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/our-purpose) and [Doctrinal Basis](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/what-we-believe). I have discussed these with my staff and the rest of the leadership team. (If more rows are needed, use next page.)

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*\*Leaders may receive ministry information, updates and resources from InterVarsity.*

## CHAPTER ADVISOR

A chapter advisor's signature may be required for recognition by the school. InterVarsity strongly recommends a relationship with a chapter or faculty advisor.\*

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| Chapter Advisor Name | Chapter Advisor Email Address\* |
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## STAFF SECTION

I have discussed the [Purpose Statement](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/our-purpose) and [Doctrinal Basis](https://intervarsity.org/about-us/what-we-believe), the importance of a leader’s Christian character and lifestyle, and the meaning of chapter affiliation with the current leadership team*. (Forward completed form to AD or FOD)*

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| Staff Electronic Signature (Name + Zip Code) | | Date | Staff Email Address |
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Rarely, staff may affiliate a chapter without student leaders, i.e. chapter plants when there are no leaders to sign, an ISM chapter if the leaders are not believers, etc.

## AREA DIRECTOR APPROVAL

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| Area Director Electronic Signature (Name + Zip Code) | | Area Director Email Address | Date |
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## 3. CHAPTER LEADERS (continued)

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*\*Leaders might receive agreement confirmation or InterVarsity national ministry emails with news and resources, with an option to unsubscribe.*