

SMST Student Board Member Program

SMST is looking for one student member to provide insights and ideas to the SMST Board!

Why?

Young people are the future of our Society! SMST values the input and participation of students at all levels of activity. Participation already exists at the technical program level and the SMST Board wants to hear more of what you have to say and contribute. Here is what a student member of the ASM Heat Treating Board had to say:

"I pursued the Heat Treat Society Student Board Member position as a resume-building and networking opportunity. The connections I made landed me a job in the heat treating industry and ultimately convinced me to stay active in the society, where I currently serve on the HTS Membership Committee. Looking back, I can whole-heartedly say that I came for the experience and I stayed for the people."

~Lee Rothleutner, HTS Student Board Member 2014-2015

An Opportunity Like No Other!

- Meet and work with some of the leading professionals in the shape memory alloy profession and the Shape Memory & Superelastic Technologies Society.
- Represent the young member viewpoint and speak on behalf of students working in the field.
- Attend one regularly scheduled SMST Board meeting with expenses for travel, hotels and meals paid for by SMST.
- **Participate in two regularly scheduled Board teleconferences.**
- Take an active role in shaping the future of SMST as an active participant in SMST Board meetings.
- Gain leadership skills that will benefit you throughout your career.
- Enjoy a unique experience (and gain a competitive advantage) that will enhance your resume.
- Receive a one-year complimentary membership (worth \$30) in Material Advantage, the student membership program of ASM, TMS, ACerS and AIST.

Sound good? Here's what you need to do:

- To be eligible, you must be an undergraduate or graduate student member during the 2023–2024 academic year, with an interest in the field of shape memory alloys.
- To apply, submit an application package consisting of:
 1. A current resume
 2. A two-page essay (typed and double-spaced) addressing your interest in participating in the program. Please address the following points:
 - What experiences led to your interest in this program?
 - What qualities, characteristics and skills do you possess that will make you a strong candidate to serve as a student representative to the SMST Board?
 - What do you hope to learn/gain from this program?
 3. Two letters of recommendation from faculty.
- Applications will be reviewed by the SMST Awards and Nominations Committee, which will forward recommendations to the SMST Board for approval.

Nominations are due no later than February 28, 2023.

The selected participants will be notified by June 30, 2023 and will begin their non-voting, one-year term as Student Representative to the SMST Board of Directors, at its Fall meeting. **This appointment can be renewed for a consecutive one-year term, at the approval of the SMST Board.**

This is a tremendous opportunity for leadership training, which is not something that can be taught in a classroom. Leadership has to be observed, experienced and learned. It is also a unique, first-hand way to experience how a Board of Directors functions and makes decisions.

**Please send your application package to:
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