



Benefits to Establishing an AIAA Professional Section

- **Building and Leveraging a Community**

A local section creates a central hub for AIAA members to curate and develop a local aerospace ecosystem to support specifically designed and tailored networking activities in the region, bringing together industry, academia, and government. Customize events and programming that meet the needs of your local aerospace workforce.

- **Access to AIAA Funding & Resources**

Sections are provided annual funding from AIAA Headquarters to support local events and activities that promote member engagement and local interaction of its community. Resources such as Zoom capabilities, branding, access to the AIAA Distinguished Speaker Series, and other benefits are provided to ensure event success.

- **Gaining Professional Development**

Local sections provide volunteer leadership and career development opportunities for anyone looking to enhance their skillsets in these areas. Many volunteers tell us they receive leadership opportunities in their careers because they can provide a tangible example of a specific leadership experience they gain as a volunteer for AIAA.

- **Mentoring Opportunities**

Students receive direct access to experienced professionals who can provide guidance, career advice, one-on-one mentorship, as well as career and industry insight. It is a great way to give back to the next generation of aerospace professionals entering the workforce by building relationships with AIAA Student Branches. This enhances student engagement with the broader professional community which leads to enhanced retention of AIAA members.

- **Present Awards and Recognition**

Awards for individual leadership is a meaningful way to recognize peers for service and accomplishment in the industry.

- **Host Local Conferences and Competitions**

These curated programs make the aerospace industry stronger in your local area because they drive engagement, build professional and personal relationships, and help drive knowledge sharing within the community.

- **Partnering with Other Professional Technical Societies**

Joint events and educational opportunities with peer groups, other societies, and partners enhance the networking experience in your local area.

- **Gaining a Pathway to Regional, National, and International AIAA Leadership Positions**

Participation at the section level can complement your growth as a leader at the Institute and be used as a starting point to more significant volunteer leadership positions within the AIAA.