

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society Omega Omega Chapter

The Omega Omega chapter was approved by the Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors at the April 10, 2013 meeting as the PBD headquarters alumni chapter. The chapter was established to meet the need to confer PBD membership to eligible independent scholars; to faculty, staff, students, and alumni at academic institutions which lack an active PBD chapter or whose local PBD chapter has become inactive; and to Honorary members and Lifetime active members who have no chapter or whose home chapter is no longer active.

The Omega Omega chapter is subject to the PBD Society's by-laws. Its members enjoy membership privileges as long as they remain dues-paying, active members.

The Omega Omega chapter shall hold an induction ceremony as well as a general meeting of its members during the annual PBD conference meeting days.

Omega Omega members are strongly encouraged to:

Attend events and activities held by PBD chapters in their region;
Participate in the annual PBD conference;
Contribute to the PBD journal and e-newsletter;
Assist in fundraising efforts for the Society, including sponsorship of PBD awards

The Omega Omega chapter is housed at the PBD Headquarters. The management of the chapter is vested in the Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors, with the Society's Administrative Assistant serving as the chapter coordinator. The chapter coordinator shall arrange for each new member's induction ceremony if it is not practical to wait till the annual conference for the formal induction ceremony. As the chapter grows in numbers, chapter officers shall be elected to office by the chapter members.

Criteria for eligibility into the Omega Omega Chapter:

Membership in the Omega Omega chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society is open to individuals who have demonstrated scholarly achievement in the international area through studies, research, and/or scholarly and creative activities, and who are, or who were, affiliated with an institution (granting at least a associate degree) that lacks an active chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society. These individuals include:

1. Distinguished faculty and staff, independent scholars, Honorary members, and Lifetime active members who have been involved in recognized international endeavors (i.e. research, teaching, program development, leadership, or service);
2. International students (non-immigrant visa holders) become eligible upon demonstrated high academic achievement at their institution and at the undergraduate level: attainment of 30 credit hours at the associate degree level, and 45 credit hours at the bachelor degree level; or at the graduate level of: (a) one semester in a one year master's degree, or two semesters in a two year master's degree; and (b) two semesters at the doctoral level;

3. Domestic students become eligible upon demonstrated high academic achievement in the pursuit of academic studies abroad in exchange programs approved by the institution or in participation in comparable international programs or experiences where academic relevance can be demonstrated to the institution; and at the undergraduate level: attainment of 30 credit hours at the associate degree level, and 45 credit hours at the bachelor degree level; or at the graduate level of: (a) one semester in a one year master's degree, or two semesters in a two year master's degree; and (b) two semesters at the doctoral level.

Please note that for students and alumni (2 and 3 above), the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society Board of Directors has stipulated the provision that undergraduate student members must have achieved a minimum 3.2 grade point average (GPA) and rank in the top 20% of their class; graduate students must have achieved a GPA of 3.5; for schools that use a different grade point average system, the school must verify that their candidates for Phi Beta Delta meet a GPA standard equivalent to that specified in this Section.

The by-laws were amended in May 2020 to acknowledge the requirements of the Association of College Honor Societies, of which Phi Beta Delta has become a member.

4. Members of a local Phi Beta Delta chapter who want to maintain active PBD membership status when their local chapter becomes inactive. Such members in good standing need not apply anew but simply request transfer of their PBD membership from their local chapter to Omega Omega and pay the annual membership dues directly to the PBD Headquarters.

Selection of Members:

1. The selection of members of the society is made without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, or affiliation with a protected class or group.
2. Members have equal rights and privileges.
3. Persons nominated, selected, and initiated (inducted) into the Society shall retain this honor for life. Active and Inactive membership shall determine the privileges accorded to individuals inducted into the Society.

Active and Inactive Members:

1. Active Members: They have been initiated, are affiliated with the chapter, and have paid their dues for the current year. Active members enjoy such privileges as voting in elections, holding office in the chapter and on the PBD Board of Directors, serving as chapter delegates to the PBD annual conference, paying reduced conference registration fees, serving on committees appointed by the PBD Board, nominating and being nominated for PBD awards, and receiving e-mail announcements and informational items from the chapter and the PBD headquarters.

2. Inactive Members: They have not paid their dues for the current year. Such members shall be returned to active status when dues are paid to the chapter for the current year.

Fees:

1. An initiation fee shall be paid by the prospective members to the Phi Beta Delta headquarters before initiation. The initiation fee also shall serve as their annual dues for their initial year as members. Thereafter, each member will pay the continuing annual dues.
2. The amounts for the initiation fee and annual dues are posted on this link <http://www.phibetadelta.org/onlineshop>.
3. Members also have the option of paying for Lifetime Membership (see the link above), with continued active status and continuation of membership privileges.

Note: Applicants with proof of prior membership in PBD are exempt from the initiation fee since they have already paid the initiation fee when they joined the Society in the past.

Application for Membership:

Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria listed above and who are interested in becoming a member of the Omega Omega Chapter, please e-mail the following to staff@phibetadelta.org or send to the address provided at the bottom of the page.

For Faculty, Staff, and Independent Scholars:

1. Letter of Request and personal statement
2. Resume
3. A brief nomination statement from a colleague or administrator in support of the application

For Students and Alumni:

1. Letter of Request and personal statement
2. Resume
3. Transcripts
4. Letter of Recommendation from current or most recent institution or from a professor from that institution

Note: Applicants with proof of prior membership in PBD need only submit a letter of request (specifying names of host institution and of local PBD chapter, years of membership, and, if available, year when local chapter became inactive), along with their proof of membership (e.g., membership card, membership receipt, or a PBD document where their name as a PBD member appears).

Membership applications for Omega Omega Chapter shall be reviewed by the PBD Board of Directors, and the applicants shall be notified of the Board's recommendation within one week of the Board's review.

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