



ENGINEERS
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How to volunteer at Engineers Australia

Volunteers are at the heart of Engineers Australia as the national body and voice of the profession. Without their skills, passion, personal qualities and gracious professionalism, we couldn't deliver the range of projects and activities that we do.

More information can be found in [*Introduction to Volunteering at Engineers Australia*](#).

Why volunteer?

Australia is facing an engineering skills shortage and the involvement of our volunteers in promoting the profession to young people and the wider community fulfills an important part of our [STEM strategy](#).

As engineers, we understand the transformative impact that engineering has on society and in our communities. As a volunteer you have the opportunity to convey the importance of great engineering and create a real impact on others.

Helping others by volunteering is also a great way to develop your own skills, knowledge and experience. When you volunteer with Engineers Australia, you'll experience our vibrant and diverse volunteer community and work with Engineers Australia's employees on our common goal to amplify engineering.

Office bearer and volunteer hub

The Office Bearer and Volunteer Hub is a dynamic site with updates, information and resources added on an ongoing basis. If you are currently involved with Engineers Australia or looking to get involved, we encourage you to **join** the community and keep visiting to see what's new.

Explore and review key documents and videos located in [the hub](#).

Ways to volunteer

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer, from short-term self-organised teams to fulfilling a two-year or more term on one of our College Boards or Committees.

You could get involved by:

- Being a member of a:
 - College Board or College Branch
 - National Committee or National Committee Branch
 - Special Interest Group, Centre or Centre Branch

- Technical Society or Technical Society Chapter
- Overseas Chapter Committee
- Division Committee or Division Sub-Committee
- Contributing to Australian Standards as an Engineers Australia nominee
- Contributing to the development of our position statements and public policies
- Providing your expertise to develop conferences or continuing professional development
- Becoming an editor of one of our seven technical journals, a published author by writing a paper for one of the journals, or a reviewer for papers submitted to them
- Contributing your expertise in the development of the body of engineering knowledge
- Being an ambassador for Engineers Australia and engineering by:
 - Telling your friends and neighbours about your job and why you love it
 - Telling your colleagues and networks about the benefits of being an Engineers Australia member
 - Supporting Engineers Australia and our strategic direction
 - Becoming a Student Ambassador

Get involved

To be notified when opportunities arise, complete our [online form](#). Once completed, you'll be emailed opportunities that match your interests.

And don't forget to follow Engineers Australia on [LinkedIn](#).

Engineers Australia election process

Run annually, the Engineers Australia election process is a call for nominations for vacant positions on Division Committees and College Boards. College Boards may also participate in the expression of interest process.

The process opens in June or July and the nomination period is two weeks. All eligible members are notified via email to their most current registered email address when the nominations process opens.

The election process is completed by August each year.

Engineers Australia expression of interest process

Run annually the EOI process is an opportunity to explore what vacant positions are available across:

- College Boards and their branches
- College National Committees and their branches
- National Committees and their branches
- Special Interest Groups and their branches
- Centres and their branches
- Division Sub-Committees including Regional Groups

The EOI process opens in August and is open for approximately six weeks. All eligible members are notified via email when the EOI process opens. Information will also be available on the [EOI Hub](#).

The process is completed by November each year.

Technical societies

[Technical Society](#) National Committees and Branch (Chapter) Committees issue a call for nominations or call for expressions of interest to their membership when vacancies arise. These opportunities will be sent to all eligible members via email from the society's mailbox, a member of the Engineers Australia team or a member of the current committee.

Some societies conduct general meetings in which nominations are called and members elected to the committee. Notification of these meetings are issued via email.

Ad hoc and other volunteer opportunities

In addition to the election and EOI processes, there are a number of ways you can volunteer or get involved with Engineers Australia.

- **Standards Australia:** we encourages our members to participate in the work of Standards Australia's standards development committees by [volunteering as a nominee](#).
- **Professional development:** [collaborate and contribute](#) to our comprehensive program of CPD, which provides relevant, responsive, quality-assured content offerings to support members with their career development.
- **Excellence Awards program:** we encourage you to support our [awards program](#) and nominate yourself, someone you know or a project that contributes to our mission to advance society through great engineering.

- **Policy and advocacy:** contributions from our members help shape our work and strengthen the profession's reputation for impact in public policy.
- **Technical journals:** become an editor, a published author or a reviewer of papers submitted to one of our seven technical journals. For more information, contact library@engineersaustralia.org.au
- **Communities of practice:** contribute your expertise in the development of the body of engineering knowledge. These single-focus groups facilitate the sharing of knowledge to explore new ideas and best practice.
- **Self-organising teams:** multi-disciplinary short term teams that work together to deliver a specific outcome. Opportunities are advertised via *Engineering News* and the office bearer and volunteer hub.
- **InterEngineer:** a community of LGBTQIA+ engineering professionals and allies supported by Engineers Australia and run by a committee with defined objectives, priorities and actions.
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engineers Group:** a committee that is committed to expressing the Indigenous culture as a form of awareness within the industry and to engage with Indigenous engineers.
- **Overseas chapters:** we have chapters in Asia, the Middle East and the UK. Members are a mix of Australian expatriates and engineering graduates who studied in Australia. Chapters meet regularly and offer networking opportunities, events and mentoring.

If you would like to volunteer in any other capacity, have any feedback on volunteering at Engineers Australia or questions on how to get involved, we invite you to contact us.