



**What is *Nu Rho Psi*?** *Nu Rho Psi* is the National Honor Society in Neuroscience, founded in 2006 by the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience and now an independent honor society. We are a non-profit, grass-roots organization<sup>1</sup> comprised of neuroscientists, like you. Currently, charters have been awarded to [over 100 chapters](#) as of January 2022, in all regions of the United States. The purpose of *Nu Rho Psi* is to:

(1) encourage professional interest and excellence in scholarship, particularly in Neuroscience; (2) award recognition to students who have achieved such excellence in scholarship; (3) advance the discipline of Neuroscience; (4) encourage intellectual and social interaction between students, faculty, and professionals in Neuroscience and related fields; (5) promote career development in Neuroscience and related fields; (6) increase public awareness of Neuroscience and its benefits for the individual and society; and, (7) encourage service to the community.

**Who may join?** Membership is by invitation and is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are making the study of Neuroscience one of their major interests and who meet the other academic qualifications. *Nu Rho Psi* is also open to qualifying Neuroscience faculty and alumni of Neuroscience programs. Requirements for membership include:

- Major, minor, other emphasis in Neuroscience
- Completion of at least 3 semesters of the College course
- Completion of at least 9 semester hours of Neuroscience-related courses
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Neuroscience courses

Students and faculty are elected to membership by the chapter at participating institutions, according to the provisions in the national *Nu Rho Psi* Constitution and locally adopted By-Laws. Any chapter, at its discretion, may establish higher academic standards for eligibility, but may not require lower standards for eligibility.

Membership in *Nu Rho Psi* is open to qualified candidates regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, race handicap or disability, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

**What are the benefits of membership?** *Nu Rho Psi* membership provides recognition of verified academic excellence in the interdisciplinary field of Neuroscience. Students who become members of *Nu Rho Psi* are selected based on their superior scholarly accomplishments as well as their interest and experience in research. *Nu Rho Psi* membership is for life and it is often a springboard for networking and research collaboration. *Nu Rho Psi* chapters at our Colleges and Universities provide a structure for our member's professional development and a co-curricular educational focus on the study of the nervous system. *Nu Rho Psi* sponsors and participates in both regional and national meetings where young neuroscientists from around the country gather to share scientific findings. *Nu Rho Psi* offers competitive travel awards for members to attend and present their research at the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting. *Nu Rho Psi* also offers competitive research grants to facilitate our member's senior theses or other scholarly projects. Our chapters may apply for *Nu Rho Psi* grants to promote their educational and community initiatives. We mentor our members through publications (e.g. *The Nu Rho Psi Guide to Graduate School in Neuroscience*) and provide support to foster other outreach activities of the Society. News and additional information about benefits are available to members via the *Nu Rho Psi* Newsletter. Members receive membership certificates and lapel pins as an indication of the honor they have earned.

**What is the cost?** Membership in *Nu Rho Psi* is for life and the one-time induction fee (\$40.00 for students; \$50.00 for faculty) is the only payment to the National organization.

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<sup>1</sup> *Nu Rho Psi* is a tax exempt [501(c)(3)] public charity incorporated in the state of Ohio. The Honor Society has a small part-time staff and is managed by a member-elected National Council consisting of student and faculty volunteers from many Colleges and Universities throughout the United States.