

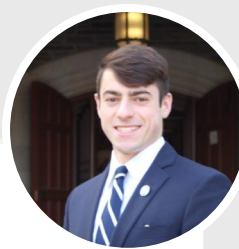


CORNELL UNIVERSITY

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

Spring 2024 RECRUITMENT GUIDE

A letter from our President



On behalf of the 29 fraternity chapters that make up the Interfraternity Council (IFC), it is my pleasure to welcome you to fraternity life at Cornell University. Founded in 1865, Cornell University remains one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the nation, and our Greek letter organizations are no exception to this. Fraternities have been a part of Cornell University for over 155 years, and the University is commonly referred to as “one of the best Greek life schools for the balance between Greek life, academia, and other social activities.” With over 1 in 5 undergraduate men at Cornell being members of IFC fraternity chapters, Cornell University ranked 8th in the 2024 Best Greek Life Colleges in New York.

The relationships cultivated between administrators and students, along with countless organizations and experiences obtained through IFC fraternities help result in an unparalleled student experience. Perhaps the most notable factor is the level of excellence consistently achieved throughout the Greek community, as Greek members constantly maintain higher academic standards, retention rates, and initial job placement after graduation than those not affiliated with Greek life. The University has been positively impacted by the prestigious Greek men and women in which you will hopefully join the ranks.

The Fraternity and Sorority community at Cornell University has a tradition rich in history and campus involvement. Since the founding of the University's first fraternity in 1868, the Greek Community has flourished. Joining a fraternity means lifelong commitment and is a decision that you should not take lightly. With that lifelong commitment also comes lifelong relationships and benefits.

Each Fraternity offers a unique experience for you to grow as a leader in your scholarly and philanthropic endeavors. With roughly 1500 members currently involved within twenty-nine IFC fraternities on campus, our individual members, chapters, facilities, and charitable donations are among the most premier in the nation.

One of the key differentiating aspects of the Cornell Greek community is the large number of organizations on campus. With 55 fraternities and sororities at Cornell, the University has the 9th largest Greek community in terms of the total number of chapters. For potential new members, this factor means that there is a wide variety of options available, and increases the likelihood of successfully finding a fraternity community that fits your interests.

Whether you are a parent, a prospective fraternity member, or currently affiliated with one of our chapters, I hope this guide will answer any questions you may have. If not, please do not hesitate to contact myself, chapter presidents, chapter recruitment chairmen, or other members of the Interfraternity Council. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you all in the Spring.

George Rocco DeLorenzo

President | Interfraternity Council at Cornell University

A letter from our VP of Recruitment



Dear Potential New Member,

We appreciate your interest in IFC Fraternity Recruitment. For the past 155+ years, Greek life has been a pillar of the Cornell community. It has been responsible for much of the rich history of this University. With the help of the 29 chapters which make up the Cornell Interfraternity Council, we have created an informational guide to help you throughout your recruitment process. This guide includes each chapter's unique characteristics and allows you to gather insight on the differences between our chapters here at Cornell University. We hope this recruitment guide is beneficial and informative.

The first step every potential new member must take is registration for IFC recruitment. You can find this under the main page on our website “www.cornellifc.org” or on our Instagram bio @cornellifc. Through registration on the official platform - Campus Director, recruitment chairs will be able to access your contact information. If you have not been contacted by any recruitment chairs, please use this guide to initiate the process. This is an exciting time for you, as thousands of active brothers and alumni can attest to the value of joining a fraternity at Cornell University. The recruitment process is an amazing opportunity to meet new people and get involved as an incoming student. I hope that you take full advantage of this opportunity and get the chance to experience the greatness of Greek life here at Cornell University. Myself and all the other members of the IFC Executive Council are here to help you every step of the way. I look forward to getting a chance to meet you all. This school is where legends are made and stories are written; leave a legacy behind that you and your family will be proud of. Welcome to the community.

Please feel free to contact me or any IFC members with questions regarding the recruitment process. I hope you enjoy your time at Cornell and find the fraternity that best fits you.

Go Big Red!

Jonathan Yeung

VP of Recruitment | Interfraternity Council at Cornell University

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FAST FACTS

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- *In the Spring 2023 semester, Cornell fraternity and sorority members constituted approximately 20.74% of the total undergraduate student population.*
- *In terms of the total number of fraternity and sorority chapters on campus, Cornell University is the 9th largest in the nation.*
- *The Cornell IFC welcomes and celebrates students of all races, ethnicities, religions, nationalities, sexualities, gender identities, gender expressions, and disabilities.*
- *The first president of Cornell University, Andrew Dickson White, was fundamentally opposed to the dormitory system and encouraged seven fraternities to establish their chapter houses near campus during Cornell's first year.*
- *A.D. White believed fraternities encouraged responsibility on the part of their members and referred to them as, "the best substitute possible for the family relation." Additionally he held personal membership in three chapters: Sigma Phi, Psi Upsilon, and Alpha Sigma Phi.*
- *A.D. White's distaste for dormitories as they existed in 1868 and his encouragement of fraternity development remains with us today in the form of a large fraternity system that can trace its beginnings to the very early years of Cornell's existence.*
- *In Spring 2023, compared to the Nationwide IFC Community average GPA of 3.10, the overall Cornell IFC Community average GPA was significantly higher, at 3.46.*
- *In Spring 2023, compared to the Nationwide IFC New Member average GPA of 2.99, the overall Cornell IFC New Member average GPA was significantly higher, at 3.40.*
- *In Spring 2023, compared to the Overall Cornell-All average GPA of 3.43, the overall Cornell IFC Community average GPA was higher, at 3.46.*
- *In the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the Cornell IFC Community completed 7,882 community service hours.*
- *In the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the Cornell IFC Community raised \$97,028 for philanthropic causes.*

- Compared to the Housing & Dining rates charged by Cornell University or living in a Collegetown apartment, it is on average more affordable to live in a fraternity chapter house.
- All 29 Cornell IFC fraternity chapter houses are historic, breathtaking properties, which have been constructed on the steps of Cornell's campus, ensuring easy accessibility throughout their time living in the chapter house.
- Fraternity house amenities can include in-house private libraries, 24/7 access to a full kitchen and private chef, gyms and weight rooms, out-door spaces, TV rooms and common areas, free laundry and more.
- Fraternities sponsor unique professional development opportunities. By joining fraternities, members gain vast networks and are invited to attend exclusive IFC professional events.
- A majority of fraternity members land internships and jobs from fellow alumni brothers.
- While each fraternity chapter has their own designated scholarships they distribute to new and current members, based on the publicly available tax returns of these non-profit Alumni Associations across all 29 chapters, it is estimated that between \$300,000 to \$375,000 is annually distributed to new and current members in the form of scholarships.
- During the Spring 2023 and Fall 2023, the Cornell IFC Executive Board distributed \$16,000 through the New Member Dues Incentive program.
- The Cornell fraternity and sorority community contains 180 members who are also University Varsity Athletes.
- The IFC Intramural Athletics League is a vibrant facet of fraternity life. From inner-tube water polo to basketball, playing intramural sports with your brothers is a great way to exercise, have fun, and meet students in other chapters.
- The leadership skills of fraternity members are not limited to their respective chapters. In fact, many of the 1000+ non-Greek student organizations are led by Greek life members.

WHY CORNELL IFC?

Joining a fraternity at Cornell opens the door to limitless opportunities and lifelong friendships.

The affiliated Cornell community enhances your personal growth and individuality while linking you to a brotherhood that shares your goals and values. With 1 in 5 undergraduate males at Cornell holding membership in an IFC fraternity chapter, and as the 9th largest Greek life community in the nation in terms of total chapters, our fraternities will offer you an unforgettable college experience.

Academics – Fraternity members are driven to succeed in the classroom. More often than not, the average GPA of an IFC fraternity member is higher than that of a non-affiliated student at Cornell. To ensure academic growth, each chapter prides itself on strong peer and alumni support. From peer mentoring programs and workshops on time management to study hours and study groups, your fraternity will equip you with the tools to achieve academic excellence.

Community Service and Philanthropy – In Fall 2023, each of our 29 IFC fraternities completed at least one community service oriented event which was targeted to benefit the local Ithaca community. Additionally, Cornell fraternities host countless philanthropic fundraising events throughout the year for nonprofit organizations.

Leadership – A fraternity is the ideal place for students to develop their leadership skills. Fraternities are the only self-governing organizations on campus that allow students to truly shape the future of their groups. At Cornell, each chapter offers a wide range of chapter leadership opportunities, as well as leadership retreats, guest lecturers, and scholarships. Finally, an overwhelming majority of Cornell's 1000+ campus organizations have at least one executive board member who is also a member of a Cornell IFC fraternity.

Professional Development – As a fraternity member, you'll join a vast network of established, influential global leaders in a variety of industries and professions. Although being a Cornellian already opens up incredible career opportunities, the professional benefits for fraternity members are even more vast. Every year, countless fraternity members land internships and jobs from fellow fraternity alumni members. Further, many fraternities host alumni career series, resume critiques and mock interviews, and alumni networking events.

Friendship – One of the greatest benefits of joining a fraternity is the lifelong friendships and bonds that you will form with your brothers. From tough prelims to job interviews, and every other challenge you will face at Cornell your brothers will always have your back every step of the way. These lifelong friendships create numerous opportunities for networking and social interaction, even long after graduation.

Social – While fraternity members pride themselves for their excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service, there are ample opportunities for fun and relaxation as a Cornell fraternity member. From brotherhood events to formals, fraternity members bond with one another and meet students in other fraternity chapters. Balancing work with an active social life is a skill fraternity and sorority members take with them beyond college and into the working world.

Historic Tradition – Fraternities have been a part of Cornell University for over 155 years, beginning in 1868, just three years after the founding of the University. In fact, both of Cornell University's co-founders, Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White, were in support of the comprehensive fraternity system developing on campus during these formative years. As voiced by A.D. White on numerous occasions, he argued that fraternities encouraged responsibility on the part of their members and referred to them as, "the best substitute possible for the family relation." Ever since then, fraternities have played an integral role in the student experience on the Hill. When you join a fraternity at Cornell, you are joining a community that is as established and storied as the University itself.



OUR CHAPTERS

ACACIA

Founding Date: May 4th, 1907
Motto: Human Service
Address: 318 Highland Road
Chapter Size: 5

President Contact: gpd38@cornell.edu



ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Founding Date: Feb 14, 1914
Motto: To Make Better Men
Address: 203 Highland Avenue
Chapter Size: 40

President Contact: ata59@cornell.edu

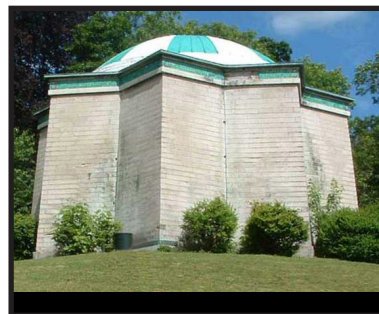
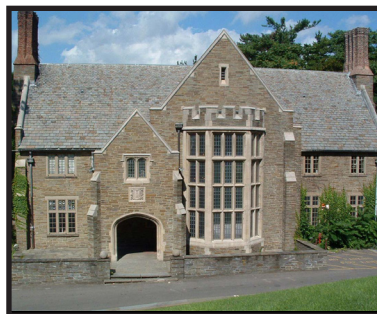


ALPHA DELTA PHI



Founding Date: March 19, 1869
Motto: In Brotherhood We Stand,
In Service We Rise
Address: 318 Highland Road
Chapter Size: 50

President Contact: esh72@cornell.edu



ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Founding Date: March 27, 1909
Motto: To Better the Man
Address: 804 Stewart Avenue
Chapter Size: 30

President Contact: rsg268@cornell.edu



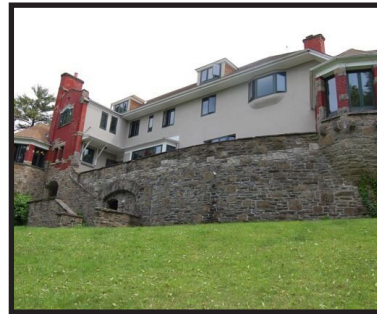
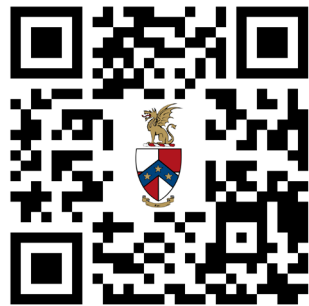
BETA THETA PI

CHI PSI



Founding Date: Oct 9, 1879
Motto: Cooperation Makes Strength
Address: 100 Ridgewood Road
Chapter Size: 28

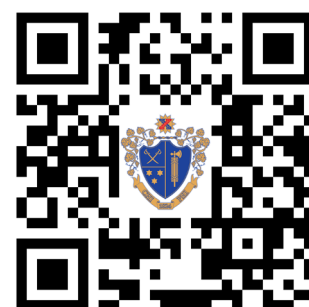
President Contact: rav73@cornell.edu



CHI PHI

Founding Date: Oct 18, 1868
Motto: Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity
Address: 107 Edgemoor Lane
Chapter Size: 47

President Contact: rjc398@cornell.edu



Founding Date: April 2nd, 1869
Motto: A family of gentlemen in pursuit of excellence
Address: 810 University Avenue
Chapter Size: 57

President Contact: mdw234@cornell.edu



DELTA PHI

Founding Date: June 5th, 1891
Motto: Always Everywhere
Address: 100 Cornell Avenue
Chapter Size: 27

President Contact: rgd64@cornell.edu



DELTA CHI



Founding Date: October 13, 1890
Motto: Leges (Law)
Address: 102 The Knoll Road
Chapter Size: 62

President Contact: myh27@cornell.edu

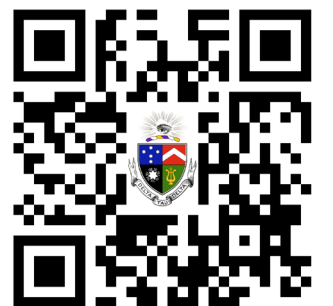


DELTA TAU DELTA



Founding Date: Jan 17, 1890
Motto: Labor for the Beautiful and the Good
Address: 104 Mary Ann Wood Dr.
Chapter Size: 30

President Contact: mdw234@cornell.edu



DELTA KAPPA EPSILON

Founding Date: Jan 10, 1870
Motto: Friends From The Heart, Forever
Address: 13 South Avenue
Chapter Size: 52

President Contact: ke234@cornell.edu



DELTA UPSILON

Founding Date: May 17, 1869
Motto: Justice, Our Foundation
Address: 6 South Avenue
Chapter Size: 59

President Contact: jtt75@cornell.edu



KAPPA DELTA RHO



Founding Date: May 24, 1913
Motto: Honor Above All Things
Address: 312 Highland Rd.
Chapter Size: 20

President Contact: snf37@cornell.edu



KAPPA SIGMA

Founding Date: May 23, 1892
Motto: Bologna Teaches
Address: 600 University Avenue
Chapter Size: 54

President Contact: gmh65@cornell.edu

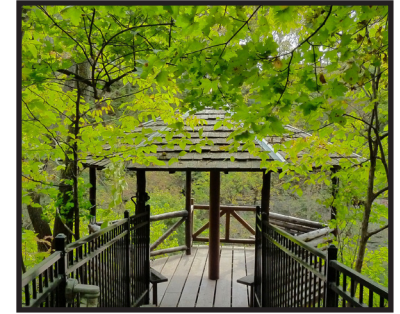


LAMBDA CHI ALPHA



Founding Date: Oct 11, 1913
Motto: Every Man, A Man
Address: 125 Edgemoor Lane
Chapter Size: 72

President Contact: ewa32@cornell.edu



PHI DELTA THETA

Founding Date: Feb 29, 1872
Motto: One Man is No Man
Address: 2 Ridgewood Rd.
Chapter Size: 40

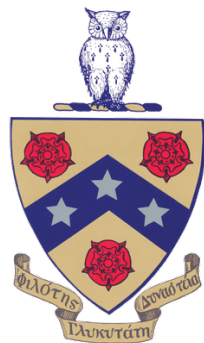
President Contact: kyc36@cornell.edu



PHI GAMMA DELTA

Founding Date: April 14, 1888
Motto: Friendship, The Sweetest Influence
Address: 118 McGraw Place
Chapter Size: 22

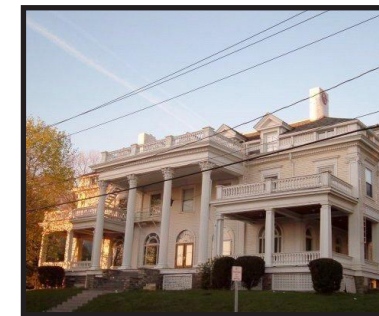
President Contact: rdm272@cornell.edu



PHI SIGMA KAPPA

Founding Date: Feb 6, 1889
Motto: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you
Address: 702 University Avenue
Chapter Size: 56

President Contact: nsg68@cornell.edu



PHI KAPPA TAU

Founding Date: Oct 25, 1930
Motto: Unity in Diversity
Address: 106 The Knoll
Chapter Size: 53

President Contact: jhr259@cornell.edu



PI KAPPA ALPHA

Founding Date: March 26, 1917
Motto: Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentleman
Address: 17 South Ave
Chapter Size: 61

President Contact: pjc262@cornell.edu



PI KAPPA PHI



Founding Date: November 24, 1921
Motto: Nothing shall ever tear us asunder
Address: 55 Ridgewood Rd.
Chapter Size: 74

President Contact: jjr43@cornell.edu

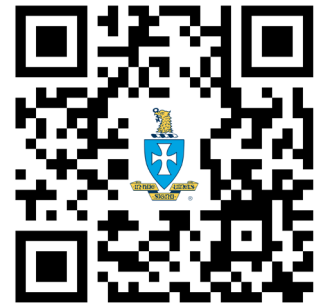


SIGMA CHI



Founding Date: October 10, 1890
Motto: In this sign, thou shalt conquer
Address: 106 Cayuga Heights Rd.
Chapter Size: 42

President Contact: jem484@cornell.edu



SIGMA ALPHA EPISLON

Founding Date: April 22, 1891
Motto: The True Gentleman
Address: 122 McGraw Place
Chapter Size: 25

President Contact: jgs282@cornell.edu



SIGMA NU

Founding Date: December 7, 1901
Motto: Love, Honor, Truth
Address: 230 Willard Way
Chapter Size: 21

President Contact: baw244@cornell.edu



SIGMA ALPHA MU



Founding Date: September 2, 1911
Motto: True Manhood. Democracy. Humanity.
Address: 14 South Ave.
Chapter Size: 16

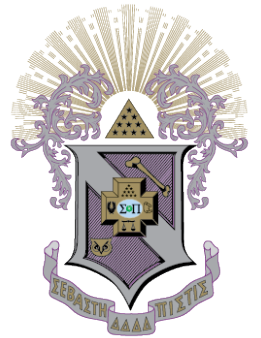
President Contact: jsc347@cornell.edu



SIGMA PI

Founding Date: May 18, 1917
Motto: God is, they are
Address: 730 University Ave
Chapter Size: 66

President Contact: rd444@cornell.edu



SIGMA PHI SOCIETY

Founding Date: October 4, 1890
Motto: Let it be perpetual
Address: 1 Forest Park Ln.
Chapter Size: 45

President Contact: hc675@cornell.edu



ZETA BETA TAU

Founding Date: December 29, 1898
Motto: Brotherhood for a Lifetime
Address: 1 Edgecliff Place
Chapter Size: 48

President Contact: ctb82@cornell.edu



ZETA PSI



Founding Date: January 1, 1868
Motto: Tau Kappa Phi
Address: 534 Thurston Ave.
Chapter Size: 28

President Contact: ta278@cornell.edu



FAQS!



FAQs

1. What is the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Cornell University?

The Cornell IFC is the self-governing body of our 29 individual chapters and 1500+ individuals within our community.

2. How many fraternities are part of the IFC at Cornell?

The Cornell IFC comprises 29 fraternity chapters.

3. What is the purpose of the IFC at Cornell?

The Cornell IFC exists to promote the shared interests and values of our member fraternities: leadership, service, brotherhood, and scholarship. Additionally, the IFC advances the academic mission of Cornell, enables fraternal organizations to grow and thrive through collaboration and teamwork, provides an outlet for self-governance and accountability, and models ethical leadership.

4. What does the term “PNM” refer to?

“PNM” is the acronym used for the term “Potential New Member.” A PNM is defined as a fully matriculated Cornell University student who has registered for IFC Formal Recruitment or has reached out to the IFC Advisor to communicate their interest in joining a member chapter. To be eligible for Formal Recruitment, a PNM must have either completed one full semester at Cornell University or be a first-semester sophomore transfer student.

5. What is formal recruitment, and when does it take place?

Formal Recruitment is the designated period of time each semester when the Cornell IFC organizes recruitment efforts for our fraternity chapters to promote the recruitment of new members. Specifically, the Formal Recruitment Period is the period of time when a majority of PNMs join Cornell IFC member chapter organizations. This period encompasses one week before the PNM recruitment meeting until after the bid acceptance deadline.

6. I am a first-year student in my first semester at Cornell University, am I eligible to participate in IFC Formal Recruitment?

No, due to Cornell University's policy on Deferred Recruitment, new First Year Fall Admits and First Year Spring Admits must complete one full academic semester at Cornell before they are eligible to participate in Formal Recruitment. This policy encourages students to focus on building solid and positive academic habits and adjust to college life. We believe it is best for each cohort of new students to wait until their second semester at Cornell to be eligible to join a sorority or fraternity. Deferred recruitment for new students was instituted by student and faculty leadership in the 1950s and will continue to be Cornell's policy. Second year Transfer students are permitted to join a sorority or fraternity their first semester at Cornell.

7. Are there any eligibility requirements to participate in fraternity recruitment?

The four eligibility requirements to participate in Formal Recruitment are; (1) attending college while not simultaneously enrolled in high school, (2) being an undergraduate, regularly matriculated student, according to the definition of matriculation established by Cornell University, (3) if a first-year or transfer student, the student must have completed one full academic semester at an accredited higher education institution, and (4) attaining at least a 2.25 cumulative GPA in the prior semester.

8. How can I register for Formal Recruitment?

Interested PNMs must register on the Campus Director platform at the Cornell IFC webpage or Instagram Bio @cornellifc.

9. Is there a fee to participate in Formal Recruitment?

No, there is no fee to register for or participate in Cornell IFC Formal Recruitment. This is a deliberate effort by the Cornell IFC to enable the most number of individuals interested in IFC fraternities to participate in our Formal Recruitment process.

10. If I accept a bid to a fraternity chapter, how long is the new member education period?

Pursuant to a Cornell University regulation from about 10 years ago, the maximum length of the new member education period is 4-weeks long, and begins after the conclusion of the Formal Recruitment process.



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