



“ There is a fundamental conviction which some people never acquire, some hold only in their youth, and a few hold to the end of their days—the conviction that ideas matter. ”

What is that conviction?

“ That ideas matter means that knowledge matters, that truth matters, that one’s mind matters. And the radiance of that certainty, in the process of growing up, is the best aspect of youth. ”

—Ayn Rand (1969)



Ayn Rand’s writings have always had a special resonance for students.

Since the 1960s, students inspired by Ayn Rand’s books have organized regular meet-ups to talk about and explore her controversial ideas. Members of such clubs can develop their understanding of Rand’s thought, meet like-minded people, and explore how Rand’s philosophic ideals apply to, and can enrich, their own lives.

If you’re interested in joining—or forming—a club, here’s how the Ayn Rand Institute can support you:

Join. We can connect you with a student club on your campus or one in the area, so you can attend the next discussion meeting, reading group, speaker event, movie night or dinner outing, or you can connect and network.

Learn. ARI offers clubs free learning resources—from suggestions on how to spark a fruitful discussion to readings to video lectures to advanced courses by Ayn Rand experts that are unavailable elsewhere. We can send speakers to give talks and lectures at your campus—or by Skype, just for your club—on how Rand’s ideas apply to today’s issues and your own life.

Build and Grow. Want to start a club? Looking for advice on navigating the campus administrative and funding maze? Want tips on running and growing a club? We can guide you, sharing our wide experience and the best practices from successful clubs.

Whether you are reading one of Ayn Rand’s novels for the first time or are a dedicated student of her philosophy, starting your own club—or joining an existing one—is an excellent way to discover all that Rand’s ideas have to offer.

Contact our Campus Club Coordinator at clubs@aynrand.org or visit aynrand.org/clubs to find out more about how campus clubs and the Ayn Rand Institute can help you.

