



## ***Working together to optimize investment in health research and training***

### **Membership in the Health Research Alliance**

The Health Research Alliance fosters collaboration among not-for-profit, non-governmental funders to support the continuum of health research and training from biomedical science to applications that advance health, by improving communication and collaboration:

- *Internally*, among member organizations, to share data and best practices, informed by current information on the landscape of the health research enterprise; and
- *Externally*, by encouraging communication and collaboration among grantmakers and the broader health research and policymaking communities.

Information about the purpose, projects and history of the Alliance are available on the Alliance website: [www.healthra.org](http://www.healthra.org) The website also includes profiles of each organization that is a member of the Alliance. The Health Research Alliance was incorporated in November, 2005 and received designation by the IRS in April 2006 as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ***Membership process:***

Organizations interested in membership in the Health Research Alliance should request an application form from Kate Ahlport, HRA Executive Director, at [kahlport@bwfund.org](mailto:kahlport@bwfund.org). Completed application forms, with a copy of the organization's most recent annual report or equivalent, can be returned to the same email address, faxed to 919-991-0695, or mailed to:

Health Research Alliance  
P.O. Box 13901  
21 T. W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3901

Applications for membership are reviewed by the Membership Committee of the Health Research Alliance Board of Directors, which may request additional information from the applicant. In most cases, applicants will be notified of their membership status within one month of receipt of their application.

#### ***Membership eligibility criteria:***

Non-governmental, not-for-profit funders of peer-reviewed health research and/or health research training with an interest in supporting the continuum of health research from biomedical science to clinical applications that improve health are invited to apply for membership. Applicants should publish an annual report or equivalent, and should forward a copy of that document from the most recent year with their application for membership.

#### ***Benefits of membership:***

- The ability to send up to three organizational representatives to invitation-only Health Research Alliance Members' Meetings, usually held two times per year at member organizations. Currently there is no charge to attend these meetings; however, participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. (If the Alliance grows to the point that Members' Meetings can no longer be hosted at member organizations, a small fee may be charged to offset meeting facility rental expenses.) Sessions at Members' Meetings fall into three categories: updates on the landscape for health research and training, improving our effectiveness as grantmakers, and

HRA reports and business. Working groups also have the opportunity to meet in person as part of Members' Meetings.

- The ability to have multiple staff members participate in HRA conference calls and webinars on topics of interest, with no registration fee.
- Eligibility to have organizational representatives elected to the Health Research Alliance Board of Directors. No more than one representative from a particular organization can serve at any one time on the Board.
- The inclusion of awards data in the Health Research Alliance's database of health research awards, gHRAsp (Grants in the Health Research Alliance Shared Portfolio).
- Access to the password-protected Members Only section of the Health Research Alliance website, [www.healthra.org](http://www.healthra.org) which provides a selection of resources and tools for HRA members.
- Inclusion of a member profile in the "Member Profiles" section of the HRA website.
- The ability to easily access other Alliance members to compare policies and procedures and for other types of benchmarking, through the use of HRA's listserv and other opportunities.

**Obligations of membership:**

- Designate one individual who is employed by or consultant to your organization to represent your organization to the Health Research Alliance. Designate up to two additional people who are employed by or consultant to your organization to be included in HRA mailings and meetings.
- Have one or more staff members actively involved in at least one HRA Working Group (see HRA fact sheet for a current description of Working Groups).
- Participate in the gHRAsp database of health research awards, complying with all requirements for transferring, entering and maintaining data.
  - Appoint one individual employed by or consultant to your organization to be the designated administrator responsible for exporting data from your organization for inclusion in the gHRAsp database of health research awards.
- Pay dues as scheduled.
- Respond in a timely fashion to Alliance requests and inquiries.

**Dues:**

Dues are based on the total of grants paid and are listed in the table below. Dues are payable at the time an organization is accepted for membership, and are prorated in accordance with the dues proration schedule for organizations that join after the first Members' Meeting of the year. In subsequent years, dues are invoiced in January and are payable by March 31 of each year.

<i>If the total of all health-related<sup>1</sup> grants paid<sup>2</sup> in the most recently-completed fiscal year is:</i>	<i>Annual Health Research Alliance dues are:</i>
Up to \$ 4.9 M	\$ 2,000
\$ 5 M - \$ 9.9 M	\$ 2,500
\$10 M - \$19.9 M	\$ 5,000
\$20 M - \$39.9 M	\$ 8,000
\$40 M - \$59.9 M	\$10,000
\$60 M - \$79.9 M	\$15,000
\$80 M or more	\$20,000

<sup>1</sup> The phrase "all health-related grants" includes grants made for health research, education, training, health promotion, community programs, and grants for the provision of health services.

<sup>2</sup> The phrase "grants paid" means cash out the door in that fiscal year, regardless of when the grant was awarded.

**Questions?**

Please contact Kate Ahlport, HRA Executive Director, at 919-991-5130 or [kahlport@bwfund.org](mailto:kahlport@bwfund.org) .