



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. The website also includes profiles of each of the current Alliance member organizations. 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. 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
c/o Burroughs Wellcome Fund
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 Advisory Committee meetings, usually held three to four times per year at member organizations. Currently there is no charge to attend these meetings; however, participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. (When the Alliance grows to the point that Advisory Committee meetings can no longer be hosted at member organizations, a small fee may be charged to offset meeting facility rental expenses.) Advisory Committee meetings include a

program component and a projects component, and participants may attend either or both portions of the meeting.

- 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 new database of health research awards, gHRAsp (Grants in the Health Research Alliance Shared Portfolio).
- Discounts on registration fees for the biennial Health Research Alliance conference. The next conference is scheduled for March 4-6, 2008, in Washington, D.C. A detailed agenda is available via a link on the HRA website, www.healthra.org
- Access to the password-protected Members Only section of the Health Research Alliance website, 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.

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 Advisory Committee business and meetings.
- 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 awarded and are listed in the table below. Organizations pay dues at the time of joining the Alliance. In subsequent years, dues are payable in the first quarter of the calendar year.

<i>If the total of all health-related¹ grants paid² in the most recently-completed fiscal year is:</i>	<i>Annual Health Research Alliance dues are:</i>
< \$1 million (M)	\$ 1,000
\$ 1 M - \$ 4.9 M	\$ 1,500
\$ 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

¹ 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.

² 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