



Health
Research
Alliance

2019

Representing 84 nonprofit funders having invested over \$16 billion in biomedical research and training, the [Health Research Alliance](#) is focused on identifying and adopting effective practices in funding health research and speeding the translation of biomedical science into applications that improve health.

Throughout 2019, HRA created opportunities that brought together diverse perspectives and a broad range of experiences and expertise needed to tackle its members' shared challenges. From creating safe and trusted space for candid discussion to identifying best practices, HRA provided value by:

- fostering open communication and collaboration among and between funders and the broader research community.
- collecting and sharing comprehensive data and analysis about nonprofit funding for biomedical research and training.
- providing leadership, knowledge, tools, and opportunities to promote innovative and effective grantmaking.
- addressing issues key to accelerating research discovery and its translation.

At HRA, we are steadfast in our commitment to maximizing the impact of biomedical research and we believe that **collaboration is not only key – but may be the only real way to get us there.** This is why we were so thrilled to convene our first-of-its-kind [workshop focused on making collaboration happen](#) among HRA members. In addition, below you will find curated highlights of our work this past year.

We thank you for working with us and we look forward to an even more productive and collaborative 2020!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maryse Franco".

What we've heard
from our members

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HRA creates a space and mechanism that fosters interactions and relationship building between peer funders."

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At HRA workshops, participants are willing to share honestly about their organizations' struggles and thought process for decision-making."

Health Research Alliance members continue to turn to this network to enable, enhance, and expand their efforts to:

➤ Support biomedical research and evaluate impact

Collaboration Program: Workshop notes and opportunities

The case for a nonprofit IRB

International grantmaking

Resources to assess funding impact

MEMBERS-ONLY RESOURCES

- Analyzing Reviewer Scores
- Grant Agreement Language
- HRA Member Progress & Financial Report Templates
- Grants Management Systems Survey Results
- Comparison of Platform-Based Evaluation Software

Update: HRA Analyzer, Reporter & Open

Tools to Accelerate Drug/Therapy Development

➤ Build a diverse and engaged research workforce

Mentoring in the Research Workforce

Staff Scientist Panel

Science of Effective Mentoring in STEMM

Optimizing mentorship experiences for grantees

Effective approaches to increase diversity and inclusion

The role of the funder in providing mentoring experiences for grantees

Supporting the next generation of biomedical researchers

➤ Work with research institutions more effectively

Funders-Institutions RelationS Task (FIRST) Group overview of issues and priority setting

Nonprofit Funder/ Research Institution collaboration between HRA and the Council on Government Relations

- Workshops in May and September
- Control of Licensing Principles and Guidelines
- Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Survey of Institutions and Funders
- FAQs About Funders (Draft)
- Research Project Support Costs Menu (Draft)
- RPSC Definitions and Chart (Draft)
- Compliance Contracting Whitepaper (Draft)
- Other resources on policies processes

➤ Shape and advance open science policies

ORCID ROI for Funders

Protocols.io: a platform to share research methods

Introduction to registered reports for the research funders community

A roadmap for data sharing policy.

Tools to help facilitate your open science policies

NAS Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science

IN-PERSON MEETING

WEBINARS

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES