



World Health
Organization



Alliance
for Health Policy
and Systems Research

Call for expression of interest

Alliance for HPSR Board Member

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Background

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research was established in 1999 and is hosted as an international partnership within the Science Division of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Alliance's mission is to promote the generation and use of health policy and systems research as a means to strengthen the health systems in low- and middle-income countries.

The strategic objectives are to:

1. Stimulate the generation and synthesis of policy-relevant health systems knowledge, encompassing evidence, tools and methods;
2. Promote the dissemination and use of health policy and systems knowledge to improve the performance of health systems; and
3. Facilitate the development of capacity for the generation, dissemination and use of HPSR knowledge among researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders.

Governance of the Alliance

WHO is responsible for the overall administration and management of the Alliance. However, as a hosted Partnership, the Alliance has its own Board.

The Alliance Board meets once a year (usually in the fall). In addition, one or two audio conference calls are scheduled during the year. The working language of the meeting and documentation is English. No remuneration is paid to the Board members. However, full travel costs are covered and a *per diem*

is provided whenever they participate in any Alliance-related activity.

Following are the functions of the Alliance Board:

- (1) review and decide upon strategic direction and focus;
- (2) approve the Alliance workplan and budget;
- (3) review technical and financial progress reports;
- (4) select the members of the **Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)** and its Chair;
- (5) contribute to resource mobilization efforts on behalf of the Alliance;
- (6) periodically monitor and evaluate progress of both the Secretariat and the Alliance more broadly, including the commissioning and oversight of external reviews;
- (7) ensure that gaps in the translation of research to policy are addressed;
- (8) elect the Chair of the Board;
- (9) establish sub-committees for specific purposes, as and when required; and
- (10) advise WHO on the appointment of the Executive Director of the Alliance.

The Alliance Board is comprised of up to 12 members. The Alliance Board is self-governed – it elects its members and its Chair.

We are recruiting members of the Alliance Board who are selected in an individual capacity and not as representatives of their institution or country, for a three-year term, renewable once.

Selection criteria

Board members will be selected based on the following experience and competencies:

1. Experience in overseeing organizational strategy and directing governance functions;
2. Experience in leading and managing organizations;
3. Representation of current HPSR stakeholder groups or relevant experience outside the health sector;
4. Ability to advocate and make connections for the Alliance; and
5. Diversity in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Board competency (governance and management oversight; fundraising; advocacy);
 - b. Representative or ability to provide insights of different HPSR stakeholder groups (researcher; policy-maker; development partner; civil society);
 - c. Geography;
 - d. Gender and social identities; and
 - e. Time working in HPSR field

Applications

A motivation letter reflecting interest of the nominee in the Alliance work and potential contribution to the Alliance Board (maximum 1 page), plus a curriculum vitae (not more than 5 pages), should be submitted by email to alliancehpsr@who.int. The subject line should read "**Application to serve on the Alliance Board.**"

Deadline for expressions of interest is 5 August 2022.

We are encouraging applications from low- and middle-income countries, and particularly from women.

Note: Current Alliance HPSR grantees are not eligible for Board membership.