



International Alliance of Mental Health Research Funders  
Alliance internationale d'organismes subventionnaires de la recherche en santé mentale

## CHARTER

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### ***Purpose:***

The purpose of the International Alliance of Mental Health Research Funders (the “**Alliance**”) is to improve the quality and impact of mental health research funding worldwide by:

- Providing its membership with opportunities for interaction, information sharing and knowledge exchange;
- Reporting to its membership on emerging findings in the area of mental health research including evidence on effectiveness and impact;
- Fostering opportunities for collaboration amongst its membership through the development and implementation of an Alliance research agenda, recognizing that the ability of individual organizations to support any initiative will vary;
- Each Member is invited to co-fund research opportunities articulated in the agenda to the extent that its own mission, objectives and plans so permit.

### ***Values:***

The Alliance will strive to achieve its Purpose in a manner that:

- Contributes to improved outcomes for patients and families;
- Complements other initiatives currently underway in the mental health sector;
- Supports and develops leadership in the area of mental health research.

### ***Membership:***

- Membership in the Alliance is open to public or private funders of mental health research (“**Members**”) including basic, clinical, epidemiological, translational and health services research.
- Membership is also open to industry and companies involved in mental health research.
- Members are expected to actively contribute, i.e. intellectually and/or financially, to the Alliance’s activities and to attend and/or contribute to the Alliance’s annual meeting.
- Current Members (collectively the “**membership**”) are listed below.



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- New Members must be sponsored by a Member and approved for membership by the Alliance Steering Committee.

***Alliance Steering Committee:***

- An Alliance Steering Committee made up of a minimum of three Member representatives shall approve new Members, the agenda for the Alliance's annual conference and membership fees, if any. See below for details concerning the limitations on the imposition of membership fees.
- A representative of the Graham Boeckh Foundation shall serve on and chair the Steering Committee as well as seek out at least two other Member representatives to join the Steering Committee on an interim basis. Members shall elect two Member representatives by majority vote to serve on the Steering Committee on a two year basis. Quorum for the Steering Committee shall be the chair and one other member. Decisions of the Steering Committee will be made by simple majority vote if a consensus of all members present cannot be reached.

***Alliance Scientific Committee:***

- An Alliance Scientific Committee made up of a minimum of three Member representatives shall develop and update a research agenda for the Alliance and submit the initial and updated agenda to the membership for discussion and approval at its annual conference.
- A representative of the Graham Boeckh Foundation shall serve on and chair the Scientific Committee as well as seek out at least two other Member representatives to join the Scientific Committee on an interim basis. Members shall elect two Member representatives by majority vote to serve on the Scientific Committee on a two year basis. Quorum for the Scientific Committee shall be the chair and one other member. Decisions of the Scientific Committee will be made by simple majority vote if a consensus of all members cannot be reached.
- The Scientific Committee shall develop procedures for carrying out the research agenda on a transparent and competitive basis.

***Membership Fees:***

There shall be no fee for membership in the Alliance until approved by the Steering Committee after consultation with the full membership. It is understood that some flexibility in terms of the nature and quality of membership fees, if any, will be necessary to take into account the limitations and restrictions of the membership.

Members are responsible for all expenses related to participation in the Alliance's annual conference and other Alliance activities.



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***Graham Boeckh Foundation (GBF)***

GBF shall manage the Alliance and generally carry out the mandates assigned to it by full membership, Steering Committee and Scientific Committee. More specifically, it shall:

- Organize an annual conference for the membership;
- Maintain the Alliance website;
- Together with other members, promote membership in the Alliance;
- Together with other members, advance the Alliance research agenda.

***Amendments to the Charter***

This Charter shall be reviewed at a minimum once every three years by the membership. It may only be amended by a two thirds agreement of all Alliance Members.

<b>MEMBERS</b>
Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (Canada)
Brain and Behavior Research Foundation (USA)
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Canada)
Fondation FondaMental (France)
Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Santé (Canada)
Graham Boeckh Foundation (Canada)
Grand Challenges Canada (Canada)
Lundbeck Foundation (Denmark)
Medical Research Council (UK)
Movember (Australia)
MQ (UK)
National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia)
National Institute for Health Research (UK)



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National Institute of Mental Health (USA)
Society for Mental Health Research (Australia)
Ontario Mental Health Foundation (Canada)
Philippe & Maria Halphen Foundation (France)
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (USA)
Wellcome Trust (UK)
Young and Well CRC (Australia)