LIVED EXPERIENCE SURVEY REVEALS SHARED PRACTICES

In Spring 2022, the IAMHRF Lived Experience Working Group surveyed the global research funding community to find out how they are engaging people with lived experience in their processes and funding practices.

More than 30 funders from 12 countries responded, revealing their approaches to topics such as compensation, recruitment and support. The results of the survey, which are due to be published in early 2023 have stimulated a series of workshops on best practice held throughout 2022.

Moving forward, the IAMHRF aims to disseminate the findings and use them to inform basic principles for involvement.

See latest workshops

COMMON MEASURES ADOPTED IN OVER 600 STUDIES

Unprecedented data standardization is now underway as a result of our Common Measures in Mental Health Science Initiative.

So far research funders have invested around $320 million US in projects with the requirement that they use the same set of measurement tools; with an additional $1 billion committed over the next five years.

These coordinated efforts should allow mental health researchers across the globe to compare and combine data, helping to address the major knowledge gaps in the field.

Find out more

IAMHRF WELCOMES NEW PARTNERS

We are delighted to announce that EViR: Ensuring value in research and ESSENCE on Health Research are now partners of the IAMHRF. EViR is a funder’s forum dedicated to increasing the value of research through shared practice and guiding principles. ESSENCE is a WHO initiative that promotes strategic cooperation on health research and funding globally.
NEW LEADERSHIP: RALIZA STOYANOVA

The IAMHRF is delighted to announce that Raliza Stoyanova will be joining as Interim Executive Director and Program Director. Raliza has over 10 years’ experience in developing research strategy and overseeing investments in the mental health research sector. She has worked closely with the IAMHRF over many years and is passionate about creating new avenues of collaboration for mental health research funders.

IAMHRF DATA UNLOCKS EATING DISORDER RESEARCH FUNDING

The IAMHRF’s landscape study was used as a central piece of evidence in the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) inquiry into the underfunding of eating disorder research in the UK.

Our data showed that just 1.13 GBP is spent on eating disorder research each year per person affected. The APPG’s report, published in September 2022, concluded that this under-investment has led to poor research capacity and output which, in turn, has perpetuated stigmatizing attitudes. In response, the UK’s Medical Research Council announced over 4 million GBP worth of funding to support novel collaborations in eating disorder research.

The landscape study was also recently cited in ‘Global pandemic perspectives: public health, mental health, and lessons for the future’, published in The Lancet.

ADVISORY BOARD RECRUITMENT GOES GLOBAL

In August, we launched a targeted recruitment call for measurement experts based in Africa, Asia and Latin America to join the advisory group of the Common Measures Initiative. As an international effort to develop minimum standards across studies, input from researchers in diverse cultural contexts is essential.

Over 60 researchers from around the world applied, leading to the appointment of five talented new advisors.

Applicant countries

[Map showing countries of interest]

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