

German Alliance for Global Health Research

Statutes

§1 Name and office

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§2 Definition and objectives

The *German Alliance for Global Health Research* (“the Alliance”) is an institutionalized association of researchers from publicly-funded research institutions in the field of global health throughout Germany, bound by these statutes.

The goals of the *German Alliance for Global Health Research* are:

Build an interdisciplinary German global health research community

- Link global health researchers in Germany and the organizations they represent in a single alliance, facilitated by an organizational structure that is attractive to all relevant disciplines
- Develop mutual trust and a joint understanding of global health research in this community
- Simplify and accelerate access to global health experts

Boost the German contribution to global health research

- Support the development and implementation of groundbreaking ideas
- Initiate and support interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research activities in global health between different German institutions and internationally, including low and middle income countries
- Provide opportunities to try and test new models of cooperation, thereby creating new links between disciplines and communities

Support the next generation of global health researchers in Germany

- Increase the number and accessibility of sustainable, high-quality and high-relevance global health research training offerings in Germany
- Train and promote the next generation of global health researchers

Enhance cross-sector research collaboration in global health

- Promote the dissemination, translation and implementation of global health research into policy and practice
- Simplify and accelerate access to global health research experts in Germany
- Increase public awareness of global health as a dynamic field of research
- Contribute to the SDGs and Germany’s National Sustainable Development Strategy

§3 Organization

The bodies of the Alliance are the General Assembly, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat. Its composition and tasks are governed by separate regulations.

§4 Membership

(1) Conditions for membership

Membership of the Alliance is open to all researchers

- who are affiliated to a publicly-funded German research institution

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- who are involved in global health research and / or whose research projects on global health have been subject to independent academic review or published in relevant peer-reviewed journals in the past three years (at the time of application for membership).

(2) Application for membership

Membership becomes effective upon confirmation of the registration using the appropriate form. It is valid until revoked. The Secretariat verifies the information provided during registration. The registration serves the legitimation of the General Assembly and the traceability of the activities of the members in the Alliance.

(3) Participation rights and duties of the members

Registered members of the Alliance are entitled to participate in the General Assembly and to exercise the rights of the General Assembly.

Members are requested to maintain the data in their profile. Each member is included in the Alliance's mailing list and is informed by the Secretariat about activities and events of the Alliance. In particular, they receive invitations to the General Assembly.

Membership does not entail any legal or financial obligations.

(4) Associate members

Interested individuals to whom the current criteria apply only partially can become associate members. Associate members can publish a profile in the membership database and participate in the General Assembly. They furthermore have an active voting right in the Steering Committee elections. The Steering Committee tasks the Secretariat with granting Associate Member status according to the criteria defined in Annex 1 (Matrix). Decisions in cases of doubt will be taken by the Steering Committee.

(5) Exclusion from membership

At the request of a third party, a member may lose membership for a serious reason, such as failure to comply with statutes and regulations, or because the member no longer fulfills the conditions for membership. The Steering Committee shall decide on any such application for expulsion with a simple majority.

(6) Maintenance of member data and profile data in the database internet portal

The Secretariat regularly (e.g. within the framework of events) requests updated data for data maintenance. With the consent of the members, a change of personal data in the database internet portal can be made by an employee of the Secretariat.

(7) Membership status

In principle, each member is requested to inform the Secretariat of any changes to contact details or requirements for membership. If the Secretariat becomes aware that essential requirements for membership within the Alliance are no longer met, the Steering Committee is entitled to withdraw the membership status. If a member is no longer reachable for the Alliance due to outdated contact data, the Steering Committee is also entitled to withdraw membership after a reasonable period of time (usually 2 years after the last contact). The Steering Committee may delegate these tasks to the Secretariat.

§5 Funding of projects

The Steering Committee is responsible for the review process for pilot and cross-sectoral projects as well as special projects and global health fellowships. The final funding decision is made by the respective funding body and projects are carried out directly by the applicants.

Members are entitled to submit project proposals. The procedure for awarding project funds is regulated in a separate document.

Associate members cannot apply for project or workshop grants as main applicants. However, they can be project partners and can receive funding provided they are eligible under the applicable funding legislation.

§6 Entry into force, amendments to the statutes

These statutes shall enter into force with immediate effect upon their adoption by the Steering Committee. Statutes, regulations and procedures shall be reviewed periodically for adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness. The statutes and regulations may be amended at any time by the Steering Committee by qualified majority (i.e. more than 50% of the votes). Changes must be notified to the General Assembly in a timely manner.

§7 Severability clause

Should parts of these statutes become invalid by resolution or in fact, the remaining provisions of these statutes shall continue to apply.

The rights and obligations arising from the grant notification and the BMBF's ancillary provisions for the grant recipients within the framework of the pilot and cross-sectoral projects remain unaffected by the provisions of these statutes.

Annex 1: Matrix on Members, Associate Members and Partners

Group ID	Group Description	Type of Membership <i>additional requirements</i>	Right to vote?	Access to funding ?	Research Directory
A1	Professors, postdocs, doctoral candidates at German state-funded research institutions	Full member <i>if</i> <i>Employment contract (at least 20%) or registration as a doctoral student</i>	Active and passive	Yes Main applicant: yes Project partner: yes	yes
A2	Employees of German state-funded research institutions in research management, transfer, teaching roles	Full member <i>if</i> • <i>Employment contract (at least 20%)</i>	Active and passive	Yes Main applicant: yes Project partner: yes	yes
B-PR	Researchers / professors at private, state-accredited universities e.g. Witten-Herdecke, Akkon, IUBH	Associate member	Active only	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if eligible under applicable national funding legislation	yes
B-IN	German researchers working abroad e.g. German global health researchers at EU or US universities	Associate member <i>if</i> <i>Employment contract (at least 20%) or registration as a doctoral student</i>	Active only	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if eligible under applicable national funding legislation	yes
B-HC	Physicians and other healthcare personnel outside University Hospitals e.g. hospitals, private practice, etc.	Associate member <i>if</i> <i>active in academia, demonstrated by own publications, visiting researcher status, teaching assignments, etc.</i>	Active only	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if eligible under applicable national funding legislation	yes
B-ST	Students with special responsibilities e.g. medical students who do not yet have their first degree	Associate member <i>if</i> <i>extraordinary engagement for global health at universities, demonstrated e.g. by leadership positions in student representation</i>	Active only	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if eligible under applicable national funding legislation	yes
B-SP	Special personalities e.g. former University presidents without current affiliation	Associate member <i>if</i> <i>Special interest of the Alliance, case-by-case decision of Steering Committee</i>	Active only	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if eligible under applicable national funding legislation	yes
C-PT	Professionals (non healthcare) with teaching assignments at Universities e.g. consultants	Partner	no	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, eligible under applicable national funding legislation	no
C-OS	Professionals from other sectors with no formal link to universities or research institutes e.g. researchers in industry, NGOs, etc.	Partner	no	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if funds are managed by a German legal entity	no
C-OA	Other applicants	Partner	no	Limited Main applicant: no Project partner: yes, if funds are managed by a German legal entity	no