

Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Member

Vacancy Announcement

Background

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

Alliance Objectives

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 four main objectives of the Alliance are to:

1. Provide a unique forum for the health policy and systems research community;
2. Support institutional capacity for the conduct and uptake of health policy and systems research;
3. Stimulate the generation of knowledge and innovations to nurture learning and resilience in health systems;
4. Increase the demand for and use of knowledge for strengthening health systems.

Governance of the Alliance

The Alliance HPSR is managed by the Alliance Board. The Alliance Board sets up a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), selected by virtue of their technical and scientific expertise.

Individual Members are selected for a three-year term, renewable only once. The STAC normally meets face-to-face twice a year and will confer via audio conference call as needed.

The functions of the STAC members are to:

- (a) provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretariat and the Board;
- (b) provide technical input to the process of developing the work plan and its implementation;
- (c) participate in the evaluation of competitive calls for proposals;
- (d) help identify potential collaborators for the Alliance and act as ambassador for the Alliance.

Position & selection criteria

The Alliance is seeking nominations for STAC members who can offer skills, knowledge, and experience in the field of Health Policy and Systems Research. Interested candidates should:

- be individual researchers with relevant experience, qualifications, and specific expertise/competencies in one of these areas: (1) HSR synthesis, (2) policy outreach, and/or (3) future thinking in Health Systems;
- identify priorities within the HPSR field and be able to suggest ways to advocate the work of the Alliance HPSR;

- have the time, energy, interest, and willingness to support the Alliance Secretariat for given role and responsibilities;
- be well regarded within the global HPSR community, with the ability to provide candid and constructive feedback.

How to apply

Interested candidates should send an email to alliancehpsr@who.int. The subject line should read **“Application to serve on the Alliance STAC.”** The email should also include a brief explanation on why s/he wants to serve on the STAC, noting particular skills, knowledge, and experience in the field of HPSR and their demonstrated competencies in one of these areas: (1) HSR synthesis, (2) policy outreach, and (3) future thinking in Health Systems. A short bio and/or Curriculum Vitae (CV) should accompany the email.

The Alliance HPSR is dedicated to having a culturally diverse STAC and strongly encourages applications from women.

Closing date: 15 March 2018

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