

EViR Membership Model

1. PURPOSE

1.1. The EViR Funders' Forum offers an international community of shared practice and facilitated learning to increase the value of health-related research. The objectives of the EViR Funders' Forum are to share, collaborate, learn and promote knowledge exchange to achieve the following:

- Set justifiable research priorities.
- Ensure robust research design, conduct and analysis.
- Ensure regulation and management of research conduct is proportionate to risks.
- Make all information on research methods and findings accessible and all reports complete and usable.

EViR has set out [10 Guiding Principles](#) that underpin this ambition. Benefits of membership include access to this community, resources and expertise developed as well as actively participate and influence future priorities and the direction of the Forum. Details are set out on our website.

1.2. The goal of the EViR Funder's Forum is to maximise the probability of benefits to society from health-related research by advancing the practices of research and research funding.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Forum: All full member organisations and their staff, and honorary members.

2.2 Round table: Events discussing specific topics and the strategic direction of EViR. Two named representatives from each of the full and honorary member organisations are invited.

2.3 Steering Group: Collectively steers the direction of EViR.

2.4 Working Group: Specially convened group/s which meet to study and report on a particular question on the Guiding Principles, or agreed issue and make recommendations based on its findings.

2.5 Interest Group: Group of peers from our member organisations with a common interest which meet to discuss concerns raised on a particular topic area and share best practice.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 There are two types of membership: full membership and honorary membership.

3.1.1 Full EViR membership:

Held by organisations, not by individuals. To become a full member, an organisation needs to:

- Be a health-related research funder or an organisation that represents such funders, or an organisation that sets health-related research policies.
- Support the Guiding Principles and strive to ensure value in research.
- Pay a yearly membership fee of GBP 5,000. The fee will not increase by more than ten percent year on year.

Representatives of Full EViR members may become members of the Steering Group. As members of the Steering Group, they are expected to:

- Participate in the monthly Steering Group teleconferences.
- Collectively steer strategic direction of the Forum.

For further details, see the ToR of the EViR Steering Group.

3.1.2 Honorary membership:

Can be held by individuals invited by the Steering Group who:

- Support the Guiding Principles.
- Are a leading voice in a field relevant to health research funding.
- Represent a group of stakeholders whose voice should be present at the Forum discussions.

3.2. All full and honorary EViR members have access to:

- All past and present materials including those from Forum groups on Microsoft Teams, tools and resources.
- Membership of interest groups for specialist areas.
- Membership of working groups relating to Guiding Principles
- Round Table meeting.
- EViR conference and webinars.
- A community of practice for queries or discussions.
- Influencing the future agenda of the Forum.

If you are interested in becoming a full or honorary member of EViR, please [contact the Secretariat](#) to discuss.

4 ACTIVITIES AND SECRETARIAT

4.1. Meetings and activities:

- Round table meetings will be held twice a year, if possible alternating between:
 - Face to face: Normally for two days, hosted by an EViR member organisation.
 - Virtual.

The purpose of the round table meetings is to bring together the funder community to discuss developments relevant to research funding in a safe and supportive environment and to influence the future direction of EViR.
- Webinars arranged regularly: The purpose of webinars is to discuss an individual topic relevant to research funding.
- Working Group meetings arranged as needed and held virtually: The purpose of interest group meetings is to discuss issues pertaining to one specific Guiding Principle.
- Interest group meetings arranged as needed and held virtually: The purpose of interest group meetings is to discuss a topic area relevant to research funding.
- EViR conference held every two years. Conferences may be held virtually or face to face and are open to non-members. The purpose of an EViR conference is to discuss a spectrum of topics with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Development of tools, resources or discussion papers may be led by any group mentioned above or a subgroup thereof as appropriate. Publishing of such tool, resources or discussion papers under the EViR banner must be approved by the Steering Group.

4.2. Support: The Forum is supported by the EViR Secretariat. The activities of the Secretariat are described in the Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

5. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP MODEL

5.1 This membership model was agreed by the EViR Steering Group meeting on 19 July 2021.