Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI)

Advancing health and well-being through the vigorous leadership of academic health centers
WHY AAHCI IS UNIQUE

The Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI) supports members as they educate the next generation of health professionals, conduct biomedical research, and provide patient care. Improving the health and well-being of the communities that members serve depends on the continuous advancement, alignment, and optimization of each element of this three-part mission.

AAHCI’s mission is to lead its members as they transform, adapt, and thrive in the changing healthcare landscape—including thought leadership, programs, policy development, advocacy, meetings, publications, and research and analytics. AAHCI leadership and membership work closely with the AAMC’s Alliance of Academic Health Centers (the Alliance) leadership and members toward this mission.

The Alliance of Academic Health Centers International:

- Works with key decision-makers at academic health centers. AAHCI programs and policies are responsive to the senior leadership of its members.
- Represents more than medicine. AAHCI is the only global organization with a mission that encompasses all health professions schools within member institutions, as well as hospitals owned by or affiliated with academic health centers.
- Is nimble and member-driven. AAHCI recognizes and responds to pressing issues that are challenging academic health centers and their leaders.
- Offers management and mission support. AAHCI assists leaders in making operational decisions that impact institutions’ current activities and long-range strategies.
- Provides individualized leadership support. A range of services is available to members, including: peer-to-peer queries; comparative institutional surveys; and personal, confidential access to executive leaders.
- Is global. Regular regional meetings are held around the world, and all members are invited to learn, network, and build new collaborations. An evolving network of Regional Offices is extending AAHCI’s reach and member connections.

AAHCI SERVICES

Meetings, Online Programs, and Resources

Meetings In-Person and Virtually
AAHCI provides access to informative webinars, peer leadership roundtables, and regional and annual meetings held around the world addressing the key issues and challenges facing academic health center and health system leadership.

Networking and Personal Connections with Leaders
AAHCI, with the Alliance, represents a global network of academic health center leaders that facilitates opportunities to build new relationships, consultations, partnerships, and collaborations.
President’s Councils
Deliberative bodies that examine critical issues impacting academic health centers, formulate consensus statements, and share best practices.

Publications and Resources

- **Leadership Perspectives and Leadership Perspectives International**: Publications featuring commentaries by academic health center CEOs and key leaders on the foremost issues and challenges impacting their institutions.

- **Profiles in Partnership**: A member benefit developed to facilitate relationship-building among AAHCI and Alliance members by providing new pathways to explore collaborative opportunities.

- **Additional Resources**: Curated data and analyses specific to academic health centers, including: Compensation Surveys; Leadership Recruitment; Cybersecurity; Tool Kits; SDOH; Health Professions and Health Delivery Equity; and Member Surveys.

Advocacy
AAHC and AAHCI advocate and represent the unique interests and needs of academic health centers to policy leaders, news media, and thought leaders. **Spotlight** features the frontline work of academic health centers worldwide.

Programs
**Aligned Institutional Mission (AIM) Program**: The AIM Program assists members to develop and implement institution-specific strategic goals. **AIM CONNECT** provides online advising, mentoring, and consulting services.

AAHCI Leadership Programs:

- **AAHCI Leadership Initiative**: A program that aims to build leadership infrastructure for academic health centers from Lower- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) through cross-border learning and networking, collaboration, and sharing of best practices to advance the work of academic health centers.

- **AAHCI Student Leadership Initiative**: A program that invites health professions students at academic health centers to submit proposals sharing new ideas or innovative programs tackling key topics in health professions education.

Regional Offices: These multi-national offices bring together academic health centers and systems within their region and provide valuable insight on key issues and challenges.

Improving Community Health: Members share best practices and work to incorporate the social determinants of health and health equity into their institutions’ programs and activities.
WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER?
An academic health center encompasses all the health-related components of universities. It has, or has among its partnership, a school of medicine, one or more other health professions schools and/or advanced medical research programs, and a relationship to one or more teaching hospitals or health systems.

1. Research:
Developing new medical technologies, treatment protocols, and innovative biomedical discoveries that benefit populations worldwide.

2. Health Professions Education:
   - Building global education collaborations
   - Cultivating workforce diversification
   - Training the next generation of health professionals

3. Patient Care:
Providing comprehensive, primary, and advanced specialty care. Serving on the frontline in response to:
   - National public health outbreaks
   - Natural disasters
   - Regional health crises

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