

Alliance of Academic  
Health Centers

MEMBER BENEFITS

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*Advancing health and well-being  
of people everywhere through  
the dynamic leadership of academic health centers*

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## The Alliance of Academic Health Centers

The Alliance of Academic Health Centers (**the Alliance**) leads and supports academic health centers 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.

The Alliance's aim is to lead its members as they transform, adapt, and thrive in the changing health-care landscape—including thought leadership, programs, policy development, advocacy, meetings, publications, and research and analytics. Alliance leadership and membership work closely with the Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI) leadership and members to achieve a healthier future through learning, discovery, health care, and community collaborations.

## The Alliance and AAMC

In response to the rapidly evolving academic health landscape, on April 1, 2022, the AAHC merged into the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and was renamed the Alliance of Academic Health Centers. As a member of the Alliance, key leaders at member institutions have access to Alliance-focused exclusive benefits and services, further strengthened as a result of the merger.

### KEY FEATURES

The Alliance is uniquely and specifically dedicated to providing customized programs, resources, and services for executives who oversee complex multifaceted organizations that comprise hospital networks and health systems, multiple health professions schools, research networks, and other aspects unique to academic health centers. It is also the only organization of its kind specifically for executives who oversee the academic health center within a large public or private university system. The Alliance is the place to go for exclusive, current, colleague-to-colleague thought leadership:

- **Individualized leadership support and opportunities to network and share insight/experiences** during times of uncertainty and unprecedented changes. The Alliance convenes meetings and small, confidential roundtables; peer-to-peer sessions and consultations; and comparative institutional surveys and peer-to-peer queries. The Alliance remains **nimble and member driven**.
- **Executive Leadership Groups created by and for the academic health center C-Suite** (Chief Finance Officers, Chief Academic Officers, Vice Presidents for Research, Chief Health Security Officers, and Global Programs Network), where these professionals can network, share best practices and insight, and develop programming and resources to meet their unique needs.
- **Partnership with the AAHCI** provides global networking and shared programming with leaders from academic health sciences centers worldwide. **Collaboration drives innovation**, and members are provided regular opportunities to collaborate and develop informed strategies on initiatives of common concern, such as cybersecurity and public health.



# BENEFITS OF ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP

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## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### **Meetings, Online Programs, and Resources**

#### *Meetings In-Person and Virtually*

The Alliance 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. Alliance and AAHCI members now also receive invitations to attend AAMC leadership development offerings and Learn Serve Lead: the AAMC annual meeting.

### **Networking and Personal Connections with Leaders**

The Alliance, with AAHCI, represents a global network of academic health center leaders that facilitates opportunities to build new relationships, consultations, partnerships, and collaborations.

### **Leadership Councils**

Members have opportunities to join deliberative bodies that examine critical issues impacting academic health centers, formulate consensus statements, and share best practices.

### **Executive Leadership Groups (ELGs)**

Executive Leadership Groups comprise key members of academic health center leadership teams. ELGs gather in person and virtually to discuss common issues, network, and share best practices.

- Senior Administrative and Fiscal Officers
- Vice Presidents for Research
- Chief Academic Officers
- Global Programs Network
- Chief Health Security Officers

### **Sullivan Alliance: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

The Annual Sullivan Lecture and other opportunities highlight the work academic health centers are doing to strengthen the capacity and quality of the nation's health workforce by increasing the numbers of ethnic and racial minorities in every area of health care and across all aspects of academic health centers. In June 2022, the AAMC Board of Directors elevated the Sullivan Lecture to an AAMC presidential award.

## Research, Surveys, and Analytics

- **Alliance Annual Compensation Survey:** This highly valued annual survey provides important data to member institutions to help gauge leadership salary levels.
- **Nonrecurring Surveys and Reports:** The Alliance works closely with members to produce one-time surveys that address various issues impacting academic health centers.
- **Leader-to-Leader Queries:** The Alliance provides an exclusive leader-to-leader query service that allows members to gather information from their peers on a specific question or issue. Query responses are summarized, anonymized if appropriate, and shared with relevant peers.
- **AAMC Data Stewardship:** The merger with AAMC, a trusted steward of institutional data, offers new opportunities for Alliance members to access surveys and data collections.

## 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 analyses and reports specific to academic health centers and access to AAMC publications, including Leadership Recruitment; Cybersecurity; Tool Kits; SDOH; Health Workforce; and Health Delivery Equity.
- **Timely Newsletters and Communications:** Regular Alliance newsletters, leadership communications, and colleague-to-colleague messages from the AAMC President and CEO.

## Advocacy

The Alliance and AAHCI represent the unique interests and needs of academic health centers to inform policy development, strategic communications, and thought leadership. Activities include:

- **Spotlight**, which features the frontline work of academic health centers worldwide
- Rapid access to public policy professionals
- Access to exclusive advocacy updates for C-suite leaders
- Participation in horizon-scanning discussions on future public policy initiatives

### [Aligned Institutional Mission \(AIM\) Program](#)

The AIM Program assists members to develop and implement institution-specific strategic goals. [AIM CONNECT](#) offers cost-free opportunities for virtual connections and consultations with experienced academic health center leaders.



## International

Alliance membership includes access to all AAHCI conferences, programs, and services, including:

- **Regional Offices in Eastern Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East & North Africa, and Southeast Asia:** These multi-national offices bring together academic health centers and systems within their region and around the world to provide valuable insight on key issues and challenges.
- **AAHCI Leadership Initiative:** A program supporting leaders from institutions in Lower- and Middle-Income countries with engagement in cross-border learning, networking, and collaboration.
- **Regional Roundtables:** Providing virtual opportunities to explore collaborative opportunities with leaders from a specific region.

## **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. Additional resources are also made available through AAMC's Center for Health Justice.

# WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER?

An academic health center encompasses all the health-related components of universities. It has, or has among its partners, a school of medicine, one or more additional 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



**MEDICINE**



**NURSING**



**PUBLIC HEALTH**



**ALLIED HEALTH**



**DENTISTRY**



**PHARMACY**



**OPTOMETRY**



**VETERINARY  
MEDICINE**



**GRADUATE  
STUDIES**

## 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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