

# AAMC Membership for Academic Health Systems



## The Value of an AAMC Membership

AAMC membership is an investment in your academic health system (AHS) and the future of academic medicine. A well-established and highly respected leader in advocacy for the delivery of clinical care, research, medical education, and community collaboration, the AAMC provides a united platform and coordinated voice for sharing with the public and policy makers the many benefits that academic medicine provides to our nation and the patients and communities you serve. In addition, engagement with the AAMC allows leaders at all levels within your AHS to:

- Play an active role in helping shape health care policy; and
- Directly access expertise, resources, and critical information you will need to address the emerging challenges and changes that are impacting care delivery, education, and research.

## Membership Benefits

### AAMC Professional Networking and Development Groups

Individuals at your organization are eligible to join nearly 20 professional networking and development groups for professionals who share comparable roles and responsibilities at AHSs across the country. Most provide active listservs, weekly newsletters and late-breaking alerts, annual professional meetings, surveys and data, and more. Examples include:

- The **Council of Academic Health Systems Executives (CAHSE)** supports the CEOs and other senior executives in comparable roles who lead the AAMC's AHS members. Located across the country (including Veterans Affairs medical centers), these organizations are recognized nationally for their long-standing excellence and innovations in patient care, research, education, and community collaboration. It collaborates with the Alliance of Academic Health Centers International (AAHCI), a global network of international AHS leaders. CAHSE members gather at virtual and inperson meetings, including small, confidential roundtables; take advantage of peer-to-peer sessions and consultations; and access comparative institutional surveys and benchmarking data. Participation in CAHSE facilitates opportunities to build new relationships, consultations, and partnerships.
- The **Chief Medical Officers' Group (CMOG)** provides a platform for CMOs at AAMC member organizations to share best practices, network with colleagues, and access resources that will enhance the knowledge and skills they need to successfully meet the clinical and business demands of the role. The group offers a CMO Academy for new and aspiring professionals.
- The **Government Relations Representatives (GRR)** group advances nonpartisan advocacy for academic medicine by providing a forum for federal relations staff at medical schools and academic health systems to consult with AAMC staff on evolving federal legislative and regulatory issues, initiatives, and strategies.
- The **Group on Resident Affairs (GRA)** membership includes GME leaders at AAMC-member medical schools and AHSs who oversee the administration, accreditation, quality, and financing of those programs. It works with the AAMC to promote high-quality GME and is the authoritative source on principles and practices in medical education. The GRA [offers a leadership certificate course](#) and other programs to improve the quality of resident education and strengthen institutional responsibility for GME.

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- The **Group on Business Affairs (GBA)** advances administrative and fiscal management in academic medical institutions to support medical education, research, and health care.
- The **Group on Research Advancement and Development (GRAND)** provides a national forum for the promotion, support, development, and conduct of biomedical research in medical schools and AHSs.
- The **Group on Research, Education, and Training (GREAT)** provides professional development to, and fosters the exchange of information and ideas among the faculty and administrative leaders of biomedical PhD, MD-PhD, and postdoctoral programs.
- All individuals at AAMC members have access to informative webinars, peer leadership roundtables, and regional and annual meetings held around the world addressing key issues and challenges facing health system leadership.
- In addition to those listed above, the AAMC sponsors other events and forums [that provide leadership development opportunities](#) and build strong networks as participants engage with their peer community. Recent topics include: health care executive diversity and inclusion; early- and mid-career women faculty leadership development; leadership education and development; minority faculty leadership development; organizational leadership for associate deans and chairs; and leading in difficult times.

## Health Care Advocacy and Policy Impact

The AAMC is a highly respected and sought-after voice for academic medicine on Capitol Hill, throughout the key federal agencies, and with numerous leading policy groups such as MedPAC. The non-partisan, data-driven information we provide to policymakers and thought-leaders is further strengthened by the real-life examples and insight that you and your teams share with us.

By combining meaningful data, powerful stories, and a commitment to consensus-building, the AAMC has become a leading voice on policies of greatest importance to academic medicine, such as special payments to AHSs (e.g., DSH, GME), mission-critical support (e.g., 340B drug discounts and preparedness funds), the value-based care, telehealth, NIH funding, health equity, and the role of academic medicine during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The AAMC advocates for these issues via a number of direct channels to thought leaders and policymakers:

- Involvement in the national conversation about health care through CAHSE, the voice of academic health systems, with connections to federal agencies such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), and MedPAC.
- Representation before Congress, with federal regulators, on legal matters at every level, and with the Executive Branch, including: Capitol Hill visits, briefings, and testimonies; the regular submission of comment letters on various policy issues and regulations; meetings with regulators, MedPAC staff, and other individuals who are shaping policy; and lawsuits, appeals, and amicus briefs, including those before the United States Supreme Court.
- Ready access to expertise, policy resources, and critical information through engagement with the AAMC's regulatory and policy staff.
- Engagement in grassroots advocacy through AAMCAction, an online advocacy community of over 100,000 voices who regularly mobilize on behalf of academic medicine.

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## Research, Data, and Information Services

Access valuable benchmarking data, new studies, and reliable reports to help inform your organization's strategic direction, budgeting, staffing, and goal setting:

- [Custom, hospital-specific Medicare Payment and Quality Reports](#)
- [Workforce reports](#) on state and specialty supply trends, graduate medical education, and emerging workforce roles in new care delivery and payment models.
- [Data snapshots on important patient care issues](#) facing academic health systems.

## Organizational Opportunities

- Academic Health System and Teaching Hospital status for certain group purchasing organizations who use AAMC membership as a proxy.
- Complimentary access to [Visiting Student Learning Opportunities](#) application service.

## Other Key AAMC Resources

- The [Washington Highlights](#) newsletter provides direct updates on the latest government activity impacting the health system and academic medicine.
- Peer-led webinars and briefings on [patient care, medical education, and research](#) topics.
- [Promoting Access to Behavioral Health Care](#) is an online compendium of information on AAMC's advocacy efforts, resources, toolkits, and educational opportunities for clinical faculty, staff, and leadership to support the development and implementation of integrated behavioral health.
- Utilize the resources of the [Integrating Quality initiative](#) and its [Diagnostic Safety Toolkit](#).