13 Easy Ways to Get Involved with AcademyHealth

Make the most of your membership by getting involved in one of the many opportunities listed below. Participation creates new opportunities to learn from and network with the leaders who are shaping the field of health services research and health policy. When you join this community, you become part of a movement to strengthen the scientific basis, data resources, and financial infrastructure for health services research. Together, we're working to increase the capabilities and skills of researchers, producers, and users; and to help policymakers and practitioners make evidence-informed decisions.

1. **Submit an abstract to the Annual Research Meeting (ARM).** Presentation of cutting-edge health services research is the cornerstone of the ARM, offering opportunities for researchers to share important findings with policymakers and providers who can put the research into action.

2. **Help define the ARM agenda** as an abstract reviewer for the Annual Research Meeting or Interest Groups programs.

3. **Post a position opening or look for an employment opportunity** on our Career Center Webpages.

4. **Join an Interest Group**. Interest Group members have an opportunity to exchange knowledge, disseminate research findings, inform policy and clinical decision-making, build research skills, and network with those sharing common goals.

5. **Start a discussion** on one of the Member Center.

6. **Volunteer to serve** on the advisory committee for an Interest Group.

7. **Add your research project to HSRProj** - a database containing descriptions on more than 7,500 current health services research projects funded by government and state agencies, foundations, and private organizations.

8. **Apply for a scholarship**. AcademyHealth offers numerous scholarships for students, young professionals, and early career health services researchers.

9. **Start a student chapter** or volunteer to be a faculty advisor for a student chapter at your local university.

10. **Nominate candidates for the AcademyHealth Board**, **Education Council**, and **Methods Council**. Watch for the call for online nominations in January. And remember to vote for Board members - you'll be notified by email when voting opens.

11. **Volunteer to serve on an AcademyHealth committee**.

12. **Become an advocate**. Join AcademyHealth's advocacy mailing list to get regular updates about appropriations, legislation, and ways you can advance the field of health services research.

13. **Spread the word**. Distribute AcademyHealth membership materials to your colleagues and/or students, and show them how valuable AcademyHealth membership is in advancing their career, sharing their research, networking, and keeping up-to-date on the latest information on health services research and health policy.