

**Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)**  
**Membership Guidelines**



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The **Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)** brings together the traditionally separate worlds of HIV, disability and rehabilitation.

Through its leadership in research, education and cross-sector partnerships, CWGHR is working to address the rehabilitation needs of people living with HIV – and changing the future of HIV prevention, care, treatment and support.

**Participation Opportunities**

CWGHR benefits from everyone’s ideas and input. As a member, your opportunities to participate in CWGHR’s work are limitless, but include such things as attending CWGHR events, hosting an educational session in your community, sharing your work and ideas through CWGHR’s newsletter, and expanding your network of colleagues. Through member participation, we build a stronger community of people interested in HIV, disability and rehabilitation.

**Membership Structure**

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Membership Benefits &amp; Rights</b>	<b>Membership Responsibilities</b>
<b>All Members:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May participate on CWGHR committees</li> <li>• Receive newsletters, belong to listserv, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must agree to support CWGHR’s Mission, Vision and Goals, including its spirit of collaboration.</li> </ul>
<b>Full Member:</b> Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May attend national meetings.</li> <li>• Are eligible for discounts on CWGHR courses and resources.</li> <li>• May apply for expense reimbursement to attend CWGHR’s AGM, or other events</li> <li>• May vote and hold office on Board of Directors</li> </ul>	
<b>Associate Member:</b> Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May attend national meetings.</li> <li>• May not vote or hold office.</li> </ul>	
<b>Full Member:</b> Organizational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May send one official delegate to national meetings.</li> <li>• Official delegate may vote and hold office on Board of Directors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must provide evidence of representing the work of CWGHR to their organization</li> <li>• Must provide an annual letter of support from the organization, with the name and signature of an official contact person.***</li> </ul>
<b>Associate Member:</b> Not-for- Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May send representative(s) to national meetings.</li> <li>• Representative(s) may not vote or hold office.</li> </ul>	
<b>Corporate Sponsors / For-Profit Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Donor policies established by the Development Committee and approved by the Board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Donor policies established by the Development Committee and approved by the Board.</li> </ul>

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### **CWGHR's Mission**

Promoting quality of life through rehabilitation research, education and cross-sector partnerships

### **CWGHR's Vision**

The daily lives of people living with HIV are improved in direct and meaningful ways by rehabilitation care, support and services.

### **Mandate:**

- Coordinate a national response to, facilitate and support the development of, and provide advice on rehabilitation issues in the context of HIV
- Promote and undertake projects in rehabilitation in the context of HIV

### **Goals:**

- Promote innovation and excellence in rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease
- Facilitate development of / access to rehabilitation resources for people living with HIV disease
- Develop new knowledge and awareness in rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease
- Collaborate with partners in other sectors and disability groups on issues of common concern
- Address the needs of families, communities and caregivers as these relate to disability and rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease

### **Membership Process:**

#### **To join:**

- All membership applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval
- Applicants will be notified of the results of the review, and membership is effective immediately upon acceptance by the Board

#### **Once you are a member:**

- New members will be presented to the next Membership meeting.
- Full members (see structure) may vote for, or stand for election to, the Board of Directors at the next Annual Meeting.
- All members are welcome to provide input into CWGHR's work in any of the following ways:
  - Informal: - approach any board member
  - sit on a committee, each of which provides information and input to the board
  - Formal: - newsletter
  - round-table check-in
- The Board of Directors is responsible for developing and guiding the overall policies and directions of the work of CWGHR.