



Membership Agreement

Affiliate members:

Affiliate members may be self-nominated, nominated by a full member or directly by the NIGMS Project Coordinator. Nominations will be reviewed by the Steering Committee to assess benefit to the GNPN, and recommended to the NIGMS Program Official for approval. Affiliate members may be researchers from the non-profit or for-profit sectors. The GNPN Steering Committee may set a cap on the number of for-profit affiliate members. Affiliate membership of early career investigators is highly encouraged but should not constitute the majority of the non-profit affiliates.

Scientists selected as affiliate members are expected to:

- Perform state-of-the-art-science in research fields pertinent to this FOA, with high priority given to those possessing expertise complementary to that of full members
- Demonstrate interest, willingness and availability to participate fully in the GNPN
- Show evidence of successful and significant cross-disciplinary collaboration

Benefits to the affiliate members include:

- Participation in the GNPN Annual Meeting for a confidential, closed-door event open to members and invited guests only
- Access to the resources generated by the members prior to publication (under mutual agreement)
- Opportunities to collaborate with active members in the field from varied scientific backgrounds, addressing challenges in Natural Products research
- Initiate and/or participate in GNPN activities that will impact the Natural Products research and the broader Natural Products community

Affiliate members will select a representative in the GNPN Steering Committee, one from the academic and one from the private sector.

More information on the GNPN Steering Committee (SC):

Briefly, the GNPN Steering Committee will be the main governing body of the GNPN and will participate in setting directions, policies, and operating procedures. GNPN Steering Committee membership will include one voting member appointed by and representing each project awarded through this FOA, the NIGMS Project Coordinator who will serve as a voting member, and one non-voting member representing the affiliate members from the non-profit and the for-profit sectors. The non-voting member will be nominated by the steering committee and must be approved by NIGMS.

More information can be found at the GNPN RFA and website:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-14-002.html>

<https://gnpn-genome.org/>

All meeting attendees must agree to the following statements:

- To encourage open communication, each member of the GNPN agrees that any information presented at any GNPN meetings, including teleconferences pertaining to the GNPN or U01 projects, whether in a formal talk, poster session, or discussion, is a private communication from the individual making the contribution and is presented with the restriction that such information is not for public use or public disclosure.
- Prior to quoting or publishing any such information presented at a meeting, in any publication, written or electronic, written approval of the contributing member must first be obtained.
- The audio or video recording of lectures by any means, the photography of slide or poster material, and printed or electronic quotes from papers, presentations and discussion at any meeting is expressly prohibited without written consent of the contributing member.
- Scientific publications are not to be prepared as emanating from the meetings. Authors are requested to omit references to the meetings in any publication, written or electronic. These restrictions apply to each member of a meeting and are intended to cover social networks, blogs, tweets or any other publication, distribution, communication or sharing of information presented or discussed at any meeting.

- Non-members and guests are not permitted to attend the meetings, lectures or discussion sessions. Each member of a meeting acknowledges and agrees to these restrictions when accepted and as a condition of being permitted to attend a meeting.
- Information shared with GNPN members at any GNPN or U01 meetings and teleconferences is considered private communication and does not constitute public disclosure.

I have read this agreement and agree to abide by its terms. I understand that violating these terms may result in expulsion from the GNPN or other action.

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Affiliation: _____