Leadership Council
Terms of Reference

Mission

Through a synergistic relationship, the International Society for Urban Health (ISUH) and the ISUH Leadership Council will serve as strategic thought partners to advance the generation, exchange, and application of high-quality urban health knowledge among academics, policy makers, implementers across the public and private sectors, and communities to advance urban health and attain health equity in urban settings worldwide.

The Council will focus on issues and initiatives of mutual concern in urban health, work to increase awareness of the importance of urban health and advance evidence-based programs and policies that improve urban health at the global, national and local levels.

Purpose / Objectives

- To develop meaningful opportunities for providing and sharing advice and input on areas of importance to urbanization and urban health.
- To provide a forum for fostering new ideas, new initiatives, and partnership with the corporate sector for action to advance the health of people in cities.
- To provide an appropriate forum for collaboration on evidence-based programs and policies to address the broader determinants of urban health.
- To provide sustained operational support for advancing the mission of the ISUH.

Expectations (Requirements) for Membership

- Members shall be from the corporate sector and foundations who participate in programs and policies that advance urban health through action on its broad determinants, have a history of or potential for engagement with ISUH and/or its members, partners and affiliates in advancing urban health.
- Appropriate executive management level representation (ability to make corporate decisions).
- Commitment to serve and attend two meetings per year, (one “face-to-face” meeting at the time and place of the annual scientific meeting, and one teleconference each Spring).
- A minimum commitment of three (3) years is required by each Leadership Council member organization, renewable.
- Specific Council responsibilities:
  - Review and comment on the ISUH Strategic Framework, financial plan and annual program of work
- Member organizations of the ISUH Leadership Council will provide the ISUH with $50,000 per year of general operating support for an initial commitment of a three (3) year term renewable by mutual agreement.
Expectations of ISUH

- The Board of Directors of ISUH shall review proposed Council members for membership and agree on those to be invited.
- The ISUH Board Chair and Executive Director will be ex-officio members of the Council and will Co-Chair the Council with one Council member selected by the other Council members.
- ISUH staff will provide administrative support for the Council.
- ISUH will set meeting agendas with Council members submitting proposed agenda items for the meeting to the ISUH Executive Director.

Benefits of Membership

- The ISUH agrees to place the logo of the Leadership Council member organization on the website of the ISUH under the heading “Leadership Council”.
- Potential to organize special Side events and panels to bring their work to global audience; ability to join working groups and convene their own working groups at the annual ICUH.
- Access to expert members, networks, etc., of ISUH with administrative support to advance project(s) of mutual interest.
- Benefits of ISUH Institutional Membership, including the following:
  - Platinum Package of ICUH sponsorship
  - Up to five (5) individual memberships for staff
  - Discounted registration for up to 10 staff members or designated individuals to the International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)
  - Quarterly e-Newsletter
  - Access to the ISUH member portal and services including:
    - Membership Directory
    - Event Posting
    - Job Posting
  - Potential to be featured on ISUH website or e-Newsletter

For additional information or to request membership to the ISUH Leadership Council, please email us at development@isuh.org.