

# Join the SPOR Evidence Alliance



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## Who can Join?

Membership to the Alliance is free and open to anyone that fit into one of the categories below.

- **Knowledge user:** An individual in a position to use research findings to make informed decisions about health policies, programs and/or practices (e.g., policy maker, health care provider, patient group).
- **Patient:** An overarching term inclusive of individuals with personal experience of a health issue and includes informal caregivers, including family and friends ([see additional 1-pager](#)).
- **Researcher:** An individual with a full-time, independent research appointment at an academic or research institution (e.g., scientist, assistant professor).
- **Trainee:** A graduate student or post-doctoral fellow who works under the formal supervision of an independent researcher. **NOTE: Must have a supervisor or mentor who is a current member of the Alliance, in order to register.**

## Why should you Join?

When you join the Alliance, you will have access to the following:

- Opportunities to **collaborate on research projects and funding competitions and build linkages** with a wide network of researchers, research trainees, patients and other knowledge users across Canada committed to making evidence-informed health systems transformations.
- Access to our **monthly newsletter** to stay up to date on our latest news, activities and various opportunities in research.
- The opportunity to apply to **join one of six committees** and provide guidance on the progress and direction of the Alliance.
- The opportunity for **researchers to lead research projects** in response to decision-maker requests received through our query services.
- The opportunity for **knowledge users, trainees, early career investigators, and patient partners to gain practical research experience** through involvement in Alliance research projects.
- Opportunities for professional development with exclusive access to **online courses and learning modules, workshops, and other capacity-building activities.**
- The opportunity to participate in our **annual Seed Grant competition for trainees and early-career researchers.**

## How to Join

Are you interested to become a member? Register here: <https://sporevidencealliance.ca/get-involved/become-an-alliance-member/>

**Table 1. List of required documents with the application.**

Researcher	Trainee	Patient Partner	Knowledge User
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must submit a 1-Page Letter of Motivation describing why you wish to join the Alliance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae (CV) with full publication list	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae (CV) with full publication list <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from an Alliance member (supervisor/mentor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume with relevant experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resume with relevant experience

## Got a Question?

If you have any questions about our membership registration process, please contact us at [SPOREA@smh.ca](mailto:SPOREA@smh.ca).