



Empowering today's youth to create change for tomorrow's world of global health

UCGH Structure

Section 1 - Mission

University Coalitions for Global Health (UCGH) is a national action network of U.S.-based global health focused organizations working with young people on education, mobilization and advocacy. The core values of UCGH are:

1. Every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health – including access to evidence-based health information and prevention, treatment, and care services. UCGH advocates for the progressive realization of these rights.
2. Strengthening health systems, providing comprehensive primary care, addressing the social determinants of health, and implementing evidence-based programs and policies are essential components to achieving the right to health.
3. Advocates must hold the U.S. government accountable to international agreements and targets set to improve global health outcomes
4. Young people must be involved in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of programs and policies that affect their health and well-being.

Section 2 - Membership

Section 2.A - National Member Organizations (NMOs): organizations whose goals and mission match those of UCGH and wish to participate

- A. Organizations must submit applications and will be selected by the Steering Committee based on the organizations alignment with UCGH's Mission and core values stated above.
- B. Each NMO links to UCGH website and vice versa
- C. Each NMO must appoint a UCGH representative to serve as contact for all communication and meetings
- D. Membership may be revoked if the above requirements are not met
- E. NMO membership eligibility will be reviewed by the Steering Committee at the end of the first year of membership, and every two years thereafter

Section 2.B - Steering Committee

Steering Committee (SC): Decision making body of UCGH, composed of NMOs, that directs the network's strategic plan. To serve on the steering committee, each organization must contribute:

- A minimum financial contribution or equivalent in-kind donation
- Resources (e.g. conf. call numbers, office space for meetings, student travel, etc)

- One dedicated staff person. To deal effectively with staff turnover, each point person should transfer information and institutional memory to their replacement
1. The number of SC members will be evaluated annually at the spring strategy session based on the current number of NMOs
 2. SC members serve for one year terms
 3. If at any time, a SC member no longer fits the above criteria, a majority vote of SC members can remove them
 4. SC members cannot miss more than three SC meetings a year; must be engaged over email between meetings; must be an active member of a working group; must serve as meeting chair for three consecutive meetings as assigned
 5. Quorum for meetings is fifty percent of the total number of steering committee members plus one
 6. Decisions will be made through standard consensus voting protocol only when quorum is present
 7. Between meetings, the SC will follow standard consensus voting through email. SC members will submit their votes and comments to the coordinator, expressing any objections within 48 hours
 8. For UCGH to sign on to statements or policies, all steering committee members present must reach a consensus; whether or not consensus is reached, NMOs may choose to sign on as individual organizations
 9. Agenda items are sent by the chair prior to the meeting
 10. Minutes must be sent out within three days of meeting by either the chair or the SC member designated to take minutes; Any objections or revisions to minutes must be voiced within 48 hours of email dispersal
 11. SC meetings will take place twice a month for one hour.
 12. Strategy sessions will be held as necessary, but no less than twice a year
 13. SC members will facilitate the coalitions meetings on a rotating basis of every 3 meetings. Facilitating the meeting includes, but is not limited to: creating Agenda, facilitating discussion, calling meeting and notifying NMOs, taking notes and distributing notes after a meeting

Section 2.C - Affiliates: organizations that would like to be affiliated with UCGH – and whose values align with the action network – but do not wish to become an NMO or do not fit the criteria for NMOs

1. Affiliates will receive a logo link on UCGH's website on a page indicating collaboration and place a UCGH link on their website
2. UCGH and/or affiliate organizations may terminate the relationship at any point in time

Section 3 - Operations

3.A - Policy agenda

- A. The SC will determine agreed upon policy priorities on a biannual basis
- B. For UCGH sign on to a statement or policy, all SC members must reach a consensus
 - C. UCGH NMOs will mobilize their grassroots around a minimum of two global health action days based on agreed upon policy priorities

3.B - UCGH website

1. Serves as the portal for global health info for students, including information about advocacy, awareness, and professional development opportunities, especially pertaining to the ongoing campaigns of NMOs
2. Forum for discussion among campus organizers
3. Website upkeep is the responsibility of the SC

3.C - UCGH listserv

- A. UCGH may share any advocacy, awareness, and professional development information pertaining to its NMOs on the listserv
- B. Message subjects will specify type of opportunity and/or corresponding geographic region
- C. Only NMO representatives may post to the UCGH listserv

Section 4 - UCGH staff and volunteers

At the discretion of the SC, UCHG may solicit services of individuals outside of the action network to perform agreed-upon duties as deemed necessary to advance UCGH's mission. These individuals can serve in a volunteer or paid position depending on the needs and resources of UCGH. The SC may choose to create or eliminate these positions at any time.