



Membership Justification Toolkit

PRIM&R membership will provide you with valuable access to a vast network of colleagues, important updates from the field, educational events, development opportunities, and more. We understand that your membership requires an investment of resources from both you and your institution. This toolkit has been developed to assist you in demonstrating the value of PRIM&R membership to your supervisor and institution.

About PRIM&R

Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the highest ethical standards in the conduct of research. Since 1974, we have accomplished this mission through education, membership services, professional certification, public policy initiatives, and community building. Via a variety of conferences and other educational activities, PRIM&R provides balanced, thorough, and accurate information on a range of ethical and regulatory issues affecting human subjects and animal research. PRIM&R members have access to the full array of member benefits, which help them stay informed, stretch their resources, connect with colleagues in the field, and advance their careers.

About PRIM&R's Membership Community

PRIM&R has an active and diverse membership community of more than 4,000 members who hail from over 1,000 institutions located in more than 40 countries. Our membership consists of those involved in every aspect of biomedical, behavioral, and social science research, and from every setting in which that research is conducted. Members represent a variety of professions, including:

- Human research protection program (HRPP) staff
- Institutional animal care and use committee (IACUC) members, administrators, chairs, and staff
- Institutional review board (IRB) members, administrators, chairs, and staff
- Researchers and research staff
- Institutional officials
- Government representatives
- Research subjects and their advocates
- Ethicists
- Policy makers
- Pharmaceutical, device, biotechnology, and other industry personnel
- Attorneys
- Members of the media

Learn more at www.primr.org/membership

Membership Rates

Individual Membership	\$215
Low- & Middle-Income Country Membership*	\$105
Retired Membership	\$105
Student Membership	\$105

*The Low- & Middle-Income Country membership rate is reserved for those who reside in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Please review the list of designated countries [on this page](#) to determine your eligibility.

Membership Bundles

Looking to make the most of your money? Bundled two- and three-year memberships come at a discounted price for members. The two- and three-year bundles include the same benefits as an annual individual membership.

Please note all memberships are individual in nature, but are transferable to another colleague at your institution prior to the membership expiration date.

Two-year Individual Membership	\$395(save \$35)
Three-year Individual Membership	\$555 (save \$90)

Member Benefits

PRIM&R members receive invaluable educational, networking, certification, and professional development opportunities, all of which enable them to strengthen their professional skills and thus improve their job success and satisfaction.

I. Educational Discounts and Complimentary Resources

Member discounts and exclusive access to complimentary resources allow you to take advantage of more continuing education opportunities than ever before. Below is a summary of PRIM&R member benefits that can help you save time and money.

- [Knowledge Center](#): PRIM&R members have complimentary access to hundreds of webinar and conference recordings in the Knowledge Center.
- [PRIM&R Programs](#): Members receive discounts on PRIM&R conferences, webinars, and workshops and bootcamps.
- [Scholarly Journals](#): Receive up to 25% off an individual subscription to select scholarly journals with your PRIM&R membership, including Ethics & Human Research, Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics, Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics, and more.
- [Ethical Research Oversight Course \(EROC\)](#): EROC is an engaging, interactive online course that equips IRB members and HRPP/IRB staff for their roles through demonstration of the ethical principles and regulatory frameworks that govern their day-to-day work. Members receive a discounted rate on both individual and institutional licenses.
- [CIP®](#) and [CPIA®](#) Certifications: PRIM&R members receive discounted rates on the [CIP®](#) and [CPIA®](#) exams, recertification fees, and practice exam fees.

II. Vast Network

Connect with colleagues outside your institution through PRIM&R's vast membership network. With thousands of members from around the globe offering a wide variety of expertise and experience, you are certain to find individuals who have been where you are and understand your institution's needs. Collaborate and learn from each other through the following members-only benefits:

- **IACUC Channel**—The IACUC Channel promotes networking to help build and strengthen effective animal care and use programs by providing a space for members to exchange ideas about their work, discuss best practices, and work through challenging issues. The IACUC Channel is open to all PRIM&R members involved in animal research. Participation includes access to the IACUC Channel on the PRIM&R Online Community where members can post questions, announcements, and Channel updates on a message board, with the option to post or reply anonymously; determine what information is visible to others or opt out of being included in the user directory entirely under through privacy settings; connect with Channel members and others in the PRIM&R community one-

on-one through a user directory and direct messaging; and share, store, and utilize various resources and documents in the community library.

- **Mentoring Program**—Connect quickly and easily with seasoned HRPP/IRB, IACUC, and IBC professionals who have volunteered to share their expertise and provide occasional, ongoing, or one-off guidance. Whether you're in the early stages of your career, facing work-related challenges, or looking to collaborate with someone at a similar type of institution, you will find the support you need with the Mentoring Program.
- **Regional Connections Program**—Many professionals would like to talk, network, and swap ideas and strategies with those who work or live nearby, but they don't have the resources to do so. Organize a continuing education event for *your* region on *our* dime through PRIM&R's Regional Connections Program. If you have an idea for an event (virtual or in-person) you would like to host, you can apply for up to \$1,000 of funding to make it a reality for you and your colleagues. Past events have included book group lunches, IRB/IACUC forums, and networking receptions.
- **SBER Network**—Led by PRIM&R members Linda (Petree) Mayo and Cecilia Brooke Cholka, the SBER Network is a way to connect with colleagues who are involved in Social, Behavioral, and Educational Research (SBER) oversight. Participation in the Network features access to the SBER Network community on the PRIM&R Online Community where fellow PRIM&R members can post announcements and Network updates on a message board, connect with Network members one-on-one through a user directory direct messaging, track upcoming and past SBER Network and other SBER related events in a calendar, and share, store, and utilize various resources and documents in one place. The Network also hosts periodic Virtual Roundtables led by one or more members of the PRIM&R community, followed by open Q&A sessions.

III. Timely Information

Want to stay current with what's changing in the field, but don't have enough time to keep track of it all? Our publications and online Knowledge Center will help you stay informed, putting the information you need front and center.

- **Knowledge Center**—PRIM&R's Knowledge Center includes our exclusive and complimentary member resources as well as our other educational content, allowing members to track their learning, access materials, and explore what PRIM&R has to offer.
- **PRIM&R Member Newsletter**—Our *PRIM&R Member Newsletter* organizes the vast array of happenings in the ever-changing field of research ethics, allowing you to save time while staying informed. This electronic publication includes reliable information about regulatory updates, new resources, upcoming events at PRIM&R and elsewhere, and more.
- **Research Ethics Digest**—PRIM&R's *Research Ethics Digest* delivers timely and relevant abstracts and full-text articles from a wide array of scholarly journals to the inboxes of PRIM&R members every two months. Articles featured in *Research Ethics Digest* highlight new research and scholarship related to research ethics that affect—and potentially enhance—members' daily work.
- **Scholarly Journal Discounts**—In PRIM&R's ongoing effort to ensure members have the most up-to-date information in the field, PRIM&R is pleased to offer 20-25% discounts on individual subscriptions to the *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics (NIB)*, the *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics (JERHRE)*, the *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal (KIEJ)*, *Management of Animal Care and Use Programs in Research, Education, and Testing (2nd Edition)*, and *Ethics & Human Research (E&HR)*.

IV. Career Enhancement

Let PRIM&R help you get the most out of your career. Membership offers you a number of ways to get involved, learn from others, and share your perspective.

- **Blog Squad**—Let your voice be heard: Members with a knack for writing have the opportunity to share their perspective on issues covered during our educational programming via PRIM&R's blog, *Ampersand*. You will also receive complimentary registration to the program for which you are blogging, which helps ensure you get access to the education you need to do your job well.
- **Research Ethics Digest Self-Study Program**—Capitalize on what you're already doing—reading *Research Ethics Digest* —to earn continuing education credits, which can be applied toward the Certified IRB Professional (CIP®) credential, the Certified Professional in IACUC Administration (CPIA®) credential, or other professional credentials you may hold.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**—Share your knowledge, skills, and experience with our professional community. From assisting at conferences, to contributing to our blog, to mentoring a colleague—volunteering gives members the opportunity to make important connections, get more involved with PRIM&R, and showcase their talents.

Learn more at www.primr.org/benefits

Member Feedback

Don't take our word for it: member feedback speaks for itself! We are proud to serve as a home base for thousands of people involved in the advancement of ethical research. Hear what our members say about their involvement with PRIM&R:

- "I found a great team and a warm learning community that promotes new and innovative knowledge in the field. I'm proud and delighted to be part of PRIM&R."
- "PRIM&R has always played an integral role in my career and has given to me more than I could ever hope to return in kind. And over the years PRIM&R has become my professional family and a place where I have been able to develop and maintain life-long friendships. So, thank you and thank PRIM&R!"
- "I am at a small institution and wear various hats related to research. Having access to information, training, etc., through a national organization is crucial in order for me to succeed at my job and stay current with policies and national trends."
- "I have always been more than satisfied and impressed with the membership and benefits offered. Your annual conference is #1."
- "I love PRIM&R and the available resources provided. Truly a professional organization helping its members improve."
- "PRIM&R membership is very much like research. Once you're in, you'll never leave."

Read more from our membership community on our blog, [Ampersand](#).

Tips to Advocate for Membership

With shrinking institutional budgets, it is more important than ever to be able to justify the expense of joining a professional organization. When preparing your request to join PRIM&R's membership community, consider the following:

- How will PRIM&R membership benefit you in your current position?
- How will membership in PRIM&R in turn benefit your institution/organization?
- Which PRIM&R member benefits/programs do you plan to take advantage of?

Cite specific examples whenever possible to strengthen your argument to your employer and institution.

Cost Justification Letter

Sample letters which can be used to justify the cost of membership are available at

www.primr.org/membership/toolkit

Questions

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the PRIM&R membership team at membership@primr.org or by phone at 617.303.1875.