MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR GENOMICS AND HEALTH
(v 2.0 DRAFT, Approved: 31 Jan 2018)

This Membership Agreement establishes that the below-referenced organization is an Organizational Member of the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH). All information and criteria in this Membership Agreement are consistent with and represented in the Constitution of the GA4GH.

Background and Mission

The GA4GH is an international, nonprofit alliance formed in 2013 to accelerate the potential of research and medicine to advance human health. Bringing together leading organizations working in healthcare, research, patient advocacy, life science, and information technology, the GA4GH community aims to accelerate progress in genomic science and human health by developing standards and framing policy for responsible genomic and health-related data sharing.

More information regarding the principles, work, governance, and structure of the GA4GH can be found in the Constitution.

Membership Rights and Responsibilities

Organizational Members will be entities, either not-for-profit or for-profit, in fields such as healthcare, public health, biomedical and other research, information technology and life sciences, and disease and patient advocacy that subscribe to the mission, founding principles, and goals of the GA4GH.

Membership rights and criteria are set forth in the Constitution, which may change from time to time following the Amendment process detailed in the Constitution. As of the date set forth below, the following rights and criteria apply.

Individual contributors from Organizational Members may play various roles, including membership of Work Streams (at invitation of a Work Stream Lead), the Steering Committee, or other committees. Each Organizational Member will have the right to designate individuals from its organization who will represent the organization in GA4GH-related work, meetings, and governance matters.

Subject to availability of resources and consistent with their own mission and policies, Organizational Members are expected to contribute substantially to the capabilities and capacity of the GA4GH in the following ways:

- **Commit** to the GA4GH's shared mission and principles of responsible data sharing;
- **Collaborate** and engage on issues, share knowledge and best practice, and contribute to the development of interoperable tools and methods through Work Streams and other efforts. ; and
- **Catalyze data sharing**, to the greatest extent possible and appropriate to your organization's mission, through participation in data sharing activities and by advocating for the use of harmonized approaches to share data responsibly.

Recognizing that genomic and clinical data sharing is a relatively new and evolving ethos, Organizational Members are not required to commit to a particular threshold of data sharing as a condition of membership in the GA4GH. Organizational Members' data sharing activities will be expected to conform to applicable GA4GH methods and approaches, such as those included in the *Framework for Responsible Sharing of Genomic and Health-Related Data*.

Participation in specific data sharing projects, initiatives, or networks developed or catalyzed by the GA4GH may carry additional data sharing requirements that go beyond those described in this Constitution.

Organizational Members that do not adhere to the mission and founding principles of the GA4GH, or that act in such a way as to damage the interests or reputation of the GA4GH, may be removed from Membership by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

An Organizational Member may resign at any time by sending a written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of the GA4GH at the following address: **info@ga4gh.org**.

By signing this membership agreement, the below-referenced organization agrees to participate as an Organizational Member of the GA4GH.

This agreement is not intended to and does not create any legally binding financial or other obligation on the part of the signatory organization or between the signatory organization and the GA4GH or any of the partner organizations and does not establish a joint venture, partnership, association or other entity.

Organization: _____
Signature:_____
Name and Title:_____
Date:_____



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