

# **Dalhousie Health Law Institute**

## **Membership Policy**

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The Dalhousie Health Law Institute (HLI) is a Dalhousie University Institute mandated to pursue excellence in research, teaching and public service in health law and policy.

## **Membership Categories**

### ***Faculty Members***

Members of the faculty of the Schulich School of Law<sup>1</sup> who have a substantial and demonstrated research record in health law and policy, are eligible to apply to join the Institute as HLI Faculty Members. Designation as a Faculty Member is intended to recognize in a formal way a reciprocal relationship between the Health Law Institute and the Faculty Member that encompasses the HLI's full mandate in research, teaching and public service.

### ***Affiliate Members***

Members of the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Health Professions and Dentistry who have a substantial and demonstrated interest in research that is closely related to health law and policy are eligible to apply to join the Institute as Affiliate Members. Members of the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Health Professions or Dentistry who teach health law either in the Schulich School of Law or to students in Medicine, Health Professions or Dentistry are also eligible to apply to join the Institute as Affiliate Members. Designation as an Affiliate Member is intended to recognize in a formal way a reciprocal relationship between the Health Law Institute and the Affiliate Member that is focused on fostering interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research and/or teaching.

### ***Research Associates***

The membership of the Institute also includes Research Associates employed under the agreement between the Health Law Institute and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness under which the Institute provides legislative policy advice to the Department, and such other Research Associates as are invited to join the Institute.

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<sup>1</sup> This reference to members of the faculty of the Schulich School of Law would encompass all members of the faculty of the School (with requisite research record in health law and policy), including full-time members of faculty, term-appointed members of faculty, part-time faculty members and members of other faculties who are cross-appointed or jointly appointed to the law school faculty.

## **Benefits for Members**

Faculty and Affiliate Members will be provided with benefits in the following ways:

- (1) designation as a Faculty or Affiliate Member of the Institute;
- (2) recognition as a Faculty or Affiliate Member on the HLI website and published materials of HLI;
- (3) access to research and publication opportunities that flow through HLI;
- (4) invitations to activities of HLI, such as seminars in the Health Law and Policy Seminar Series, conferences, receptions and other scheduled events;
- (5) opportunities to present health law and policy research or research related to health law and policy at works-in-progress meetings of HLI;
- (6) access to HLI library resources and contacts; and
- (7) networking opportunities with others contributing to the area of health law and policy or related areas of research.

There is no monetary compensation or administrative support with HLI Membership.

## **Expectations of Members**

Faculty and Affiliate Members will contribute to HLI in the following ways (as appropriate):

- (1) working on mutually agreed research projects in health law and policy with the Director, Associate Director, other Faculty and Affiliate Members, and Research Associates of HLI; and
- (2) contributing to the mandate of HLI to teach law to students of Medicine, Health Professions and Dentistry

Faculty Members will contribute to HLI in the following additional ways (as appropriate):

- (1) supervising graduate law students in health law and policy related research and writing;
- (2) supervising Directed Research Papers for law students in health law and policy related areas;
- (3) contributing to the public service activities of HLI that are related specifically to health law and policy, such as reviewing legislation or other policy instruments for the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness;

- (4) keeping the Institute aware of their health law and policy activities (including submission of information requested for HLI Annual Report); and
- (5) participating in the governance of HLI.

## **Process**

Colleagues who are eligible to be a Faculty Member or an Affiliate Member of the Institute should apply to the Director of the Health Law Institute by sending a letter of interest to the Director with a copy of their curriculum vitae and any other documentation that they believe is relevant to their interest in the Institute and to the contribution they can make to the Institute. Membership will be subject to periodic review.

## **For further information, please contact:**

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