

*Draft message to researchers to be used by funders to distribute the CMA advert*

**Deadline to submit your application: February 28, 2021**

A lack of common measures in mental health research has hampered progress for a long time. Today, there are so many mental health measures used by different researchers that they limit opportunities for synthesis of findings, collaborations, and adoption of new knowledge.

The International Alliance of Mental Health Research Funders (IAMHRF) unites funders on a shared mental health research agenda to save lives and improve treatments and care for patients and families worldwide. One of the network's key efforts is to drive adoption of shared data collection instruments that are relevant and transferable to a variety of locations and areas of mental health research.

A group of IAMHRF members created a Common Measures in Mental Health Science Governance Board (CMB), which is currently co-chaired by the National Institute of Mental Health (US) and the Wellcome Trust (UK). The IAMHRF serves as the secretariat for the initiative.

It was decided to establish a Common Measures in Mental Health Science Advisory Group (CMA), to be composed of experts in measuring mental health experiences, demographics, and functioning. The CMA will particularly focus on aspects of diversity, inclusivity, and cultural and geographical appropriateness of suggested measures to help improve the quality of research.

If you support this agenda of advancing common measures in mental health research, please consider applying to become a member of the CMA. We intend to have a diverse group of experts on the CMA to advise the CMB on critical aspects throughout the process.

**For a brief introduction on the assignment and link to the advert, which also doubles as the application form, [click here](#).**

**The advert will be active throughout the month of February and we expect to close the link by **midnight EST, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.**

Applications will be reviewed by the end of March 2021. Successful applicants will be informed in early April 2021. Should you have any questions, kindly write to us at [iamhrf@grahamboeckhfoundation.org](mailto:iamhrf@grahamboeckhfoundation.org)

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