



## Membership Policy

The CSN Board of Directors approves the CSN Membership Policy and the overall slate of members on an annual basis. There are two broad categories of membership: Full Membership and Associate Membership, as described below. As a Network, the CSN's strength comes from a broad range of involvement of individuals with varied expertise. For this reason, those who do not qualify as Full Members are encouraged to apply for Associate Membership. Please direct any questions or applications for Associate Membership to:

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Criteria	Full Members				Associate Members
	Investigator	Institution	Partner	Student	
<b>Criteria</b>	Principal Investigators (PI's) as defined by the CSN Bylaws and Network Agreement.*	Institutions currently receiving CSN funds and signatories to the CSN Network Agreement.	Organizations who make a contribution to the CSN and approved by the Board; various classes of partnership may be assigned by the Board.	Students currently receiving training funding from the CSN.	Individuals (including investigators, collaborators, and Highly Qualified Personnel) whose involvement in the Network is deemed beneficial or critical to the success of the CSN. Individuals currently involved in CSN projects (but who are not PI's) automatically become Associate Members. Former CSN PI's automatically become Associate Members. Other Associate Members are invited or may apply via written letter and CV addressed to the CSN Scientific Director, Dr. Antoine Hakim.
<b>Receives CSN communications</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes, plus annual progress reports.	Yes	Yes
<b>Invited to CSN events (e.g. AGM)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>May vote at CSN AGM</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Reimbursed for travel and expenses at CSN events</b>	Yes	Yes	At Scientific Director's Discretion	Yes	At Scientific Director's Discretion
<b>Eligible for Personnel Awards</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Access to CSN Central services and support</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Board Representation</b>	Yes – 1 person	Yes – 1 person	No	No	No

\* PI's are those who receive CSN funds and are employed or hold academic status at a university, post-secondary educational institution, hospital, or institute eligible to receive CIHR funds.