

European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding Steering Group Guidelines for potential new members

Candidates for membership of the Forum Steering Group must conform to the following criteria and procedure:

Membership criteria:

- Membership of the group is open to independent research foundations and European representative research organisations.
- Members have been operating for at least 2 years and have publicly available annual activity and financial reports.
- Members are based in Europe.
- Members agree to be represented at Steering Group meetings by individuals authorised to make decisions.

Representative research organisations:

- Eligible representative research organisations should have a membership base covering a minimum of 14 EU Member States.
- Membership organisations should have a published membership.

Research foundations

- Eligible foundations should fund research as a key element of their activity.
- Foundations should have publicly available information on the composition of their board and publish an annual financial statement.

Membership application:

- Applications for membership of the Steering Group must be submitted to the Forum secretariat at:
researchforum@efc.be or
European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding
European Foundation Centre
51 rue de la Concorde
B-1050 Brussels - Belgium
- Applicants are required to submit an application letter detailing their motivation to join the Forum Steering Group, and potential for involvement in its activities. This must be accompanied by an annual report.

Membership review:

- Applications for membership are reviewed by the Forum Steering Group. The Steering Group will consider the balance between foundations and other organisations in the group when reviewing applications.
- Applicants may be invited to make a presentation of their organisation and motivations to the Steering Group.
- Applicants are informed of the outcome of the review by the Forum secretariat.