



A Worldwide Society For Clinical Research



Clinical Research Society

CRS Member Handbook

Reach and exceed your goals with CRS

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It's Time to Take Advantage of Your CRS Membership Benefits

Thank you for your interest in joining the Clinical Research Society. Being the world's largest clinical research community, CRS is able to provide you with a highly valued set of membership benefits.

No matter what your professional goals are, CRS will help you get there, from moving to positions of higher responsibility to building new skills to being a part of a global community of research professionals. CRS memberships with their membership benefits provide the extra edge you need to succeed.

CRS is committed to giving every person involved in medical research, including students, the means to reach their goals by offering a set of valuable membership benefits. We strongly believe it's the best way to not only serve your needs, but also to advance and improve people's lives through better scientific research.

This brochure gives you a quick overview of CRS and some member benefits. Please visit our web site, www.clinicalresearchsociety.org for more information about Clinical Research Society.

Again, thank you for your interest in CRS membership. We appreciate your commitment to the clinical research enterprise and to CRS.

Sincerely,

Tufail Syed
President



CRS is at the forefront of training emerging clinical research and translational medicine professionals. The Society has begun taking the lead in promoting new training programs that will ensure the future of the clinical research enterprise.

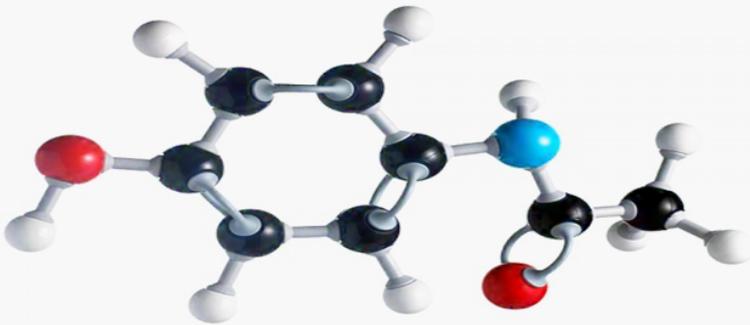
How we do it:

The **CRS Governing Body** advances the Society's mission "to lead and integrate interdisciplinary drug discovery from basic to clinical research and promote evidence based healthcare" by providing a constantly increasing stream of revenue to critical programs. Support from external sources and sponsors is sought for those programs that enhance the future of clinical research, reduce the timeline of translation from bench-to-bedside and directly affect the lives of patients.

CRS offers a **number of high-quality training & certification programs** that can propel you forward, irrespective of whether you are just starting out, if you are a mid-career research professional or already at a leadership level.

CRS Executive Member Council provides strategic leadership and represents CRS in all major regions of the world. Council Members take appropriate initiatives to ensure that CRS achieves its principal objectives. They communicate a future vision for CRS, oversee the development of various strategic plans, promote CRS to local, regional or international agencies in the area of clinical research and translational medicine and ensure the coordination of the society's relations with such agencies.

Communicating the importance and value of clinical research and translational medicine, reaching out to general public and media and speaking for what we stand for is a huge task. But with more than 23,000 community members supporting and representing us world- wide, CRS is now making a difference.



Meetings, Networking & Collaboration

Special member rates for CRS Meetings and Conferences

Be it the CRS Forum, webinars or the Annual Meeting, CRS Members can make use of the society platform to network with other professionals and organizations. CRS facilitates such interactions for our members and we assist our members if they seek our assistance in such endeavors.

CRS provides its members valuable opportunities to stay current with cutting-edge developments in medical research. CRS members are entitled to special member rates at all CRS-sponsored meetings.

CRS Annual Meeting

CRS Annual Meeting gives you the chance to share your findings, explore solutions, and network with clinical research and allied professionals, students, and educators with different backgrounds. Each 1 to 2 day Annual Meeting features talks and presentations from eminent research professionals, poster sessions, expositions, short courses, workshops, social and networking events, and more. CRS Annual Meeting dates and venue information are generally available on the CRS website.

CRS Regional Meetings / Workshops

In addition to annual meeting, CRS may sponsor regional meetings and workshops where you can present and hear papers, and network with colleagues.

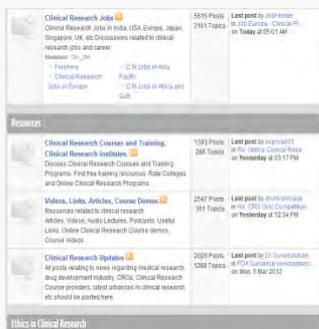
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Connect with Other Members in CRS Forum!

Thousands of users converge at the CRS Forum each day to collaborate with other CRS members and clinical research professionals worldwide. It's the smart way to get engaged and connect with other people from the clinical research enterprise.

CRS Membership is your key to start networking and connecting with members of the clinical research and translational medicine community.





Membership Options

The Admissions Committee of Clinical Research Society evaluates applications for Society membership in a straightforward and generous manner to ensure that as many as possible with appropriate training or experience in clinical research or in allied fields are welcomed into the Society. [CRS currently offers three membership options to individuals.](#)

Professional Membership

Any individual who is currently employed or was employed in the last five years in a capacity where he/she assumed any direct responsibility related to the conduct of clinical research is eligible for Professional Membership.



Associate Membership

Any individual who has never been employed in a capacity where he/she assumed any direct responsibility related to the conduct/management of clinical research is eligible for Associate Membership. All associate members must at least have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent to be eligible for this membership level. Applicants may or may not currently be in active employment.

Student Membership

Students who are currently enrolled in an academic program in any area of study are eligible for Student Membership. Student Membership benefits have been tailored to the needs of students who would like to pursue a career in Clinical Research and Translational Medicine. This membership can apply to students who are not in any active employment and are pursuing their undergraduate, post-graduate, doctorate degree, or are enrolled in a school of professional studies.



Certifications

CRS offers multiple training and certification programs designed to meet the training needs of the clinical research enterprise. Following are some valuable validated training and certification programs that members can benefit from:

Certified Clinical Project Manager (CRS-CCPM)

Whether you are working as a Clinical Research Associate, Clinical Study Manager, Project Manager, Project Coordinator, Clinical Logistic Manager or Project Lead, this certification will provide an assessment and certify the intensive experience and expertise you have achieved during your clinical research career.

Getting certified will be a major driver towards a more responsible and higher position in clinical research and allied industries. To be eligible for this certification program, applicants have to demonstrate a combination of educational background and evidence of work experience in clinical research. To learn more about CCPM visit: www.clinicalresearchsociety.org/ccpm

Certified Clinical Research Associate

Sponsors, CROs and other agencies involved in the conduct of clinical trials and other types of medical research are increasingly looking for certified individuals who have undergone standardized and validated training and certification so that they can be relied upon to manage the tasks assigned to them.

The online CRA Training & Certification program which leads to the award of CRS Certified Clinical Research Associate is a structured program that delivers core trainings in the area of clinical study conduct. It helps new or seasoned CRAs to demonstrate their professional excellence through a validated training & certification process. To learn more about this certification visit: www.clinicalresearchsociety.org/ccra

Certified Clinical Research Coordinator

The CRC Training & Certification program is a structured program that delivers core trainings in the area of clinical study conduct at the investigator site. Care has been taken to impart trainings from a clinical investigator site perspective.

Getting certified helps new or seasoned site coordinators to demonstrate your professional excellence through a validated certification process. This goes a long way to be a great value addition to your background, education, work experience and demonstrates adequate training in clinical research. To learn more about this certification visit:

www.clinicalresearchsociety.org/ccrc

Certified Emerging Clinical Research Professional (CRS-ECRP)

The main aim of this training and certification program is to provide the individual with a robust understanding of the clinical research industry, historical perspective of drug development, basic concepts and methodologies in research, ethics in human research, and many other relevant topics. This program was envisioned based upon the great need for such a program for students and new entrants who would like to pursue clinical research as a long-term career for themselves. ECRP certification has been designed to equip students, or individuals who don't have clinical research experience, with relevant knowledge in clinical research that makes them highly attractive to potential employers. To learn more about CRS-ECRP visit: www.clinicalresearchsociety.org/ecrp

Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Certification

The CRS GCP Certification program offers one of the most robust and comprehensive GCP training and certification available. Based upon the acute necessity of GCP knowledge and skills in the research enterprise, upon recommendation of the CRS Executive Committee, GCP Training and Certification has been made available to all professional members of the Clinical Research Society. It is offered through a state-of-the-art learning management system that is programmed to create a pedagogical approach to the delivery of the training. To learn more about GCP Training & Certification visit:

www.clinicalresearchsociety.org/gcp

Professional Benefits of CRS Membership

Certification

All membership levels with CRS come with valuable training and certification programs at no extra cost. Professional members can enroll themselves in the GCP Training & Certification program while Associate and Student members get access to the Emerging Clinical Research Professional (ECRP) Training & Certification.

Access to CRS Forum for Networking & Collaborating with Colleagues

Eligibility for Other Certification Programs

Discounted Rates for Additional Certification Programs

Discounted Rates for CRS Events

Access to CRS Newsletters & Publications

Membership Card Verifying Membership Status

Eligibility for CRS Fellowship Program

Access to Scholarship Programs (For Students)

Careers Planning & Advancement (For Students)

- Get personal career advice from a CRS Career Consultant
- Learn how write an effective résumé
- Learn techniques for interviewing and negotiating salary
- Learn job hunting strategies
- Find salary survey data

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