



Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology (ELCACT)

Affiliate Member Guidelines

Affiliate membership in the *Edwards Lifesciences Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Technology* (ELCACT) is available to all UCI faculty members who perform research, clinical care, or training related to the cardiovascular system. This document describes details on criteria for membership, requirements to maintain and renew membership, and membership benefits. Application for membership to the Center is voluntary and will indicate agreement with the Center's fundamental mission, objectives, and policies. Center appointments are for a three-year period and are renewable.

Eligibility for Membership

To be considered for membership, applicants should meet at least two of the following four criteria:

- A. Record of publication in the cardiovascular peer-reviewed literature
- B. Active participation in cardiovascular clinical care or training
- C. Active or pending funding for cardiovascular research as a principal investigator or named co-investigator
- D. Expertise in a technology or set of techniques highly applicable to cardiovascular research or clinical care

Application Process

The membership application should be completed by the applicant and submitted electronically to the ELCACT Assistant Director (afain@uci.edu). Applications will be reviewed quarterly. Upon approval, an official membership letter signed by the Director will be sent with the Chair of the home department copied. The member's name is then added to the Center email list and website, and a membership file including the application and a copy of the membership letter is established.

Membership Reappointment

Every three years, each member will have their membership status reviewed. In addition to meeting the criteria above, reappointment review will evaluate participation in ELCACT activities and seek evidence of advancing the mission of the ELCACT. Activities by each member that support the diversity, equity, and inclusion mission of the ELCACT are also expected.



Membership Benefits

Affiliate members receive the following benefits:

- Opportunities for research trainees to participate in training programs such as Heart to Heart and E-SURP, which are exclusive to ELCACT
- Eligibility to compete for intramural funds provided by ELCACT, notably, seed grants and training fellowships
- Priority to participate in ELCACT-led large center and training grants
- Use of ELCACT meeting facilities
- Advertising of research and training activities on the ELCACT website and mailing list
- Opportunity to host summer students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) through ELCACT
- Opportunity to participate in antiracism education and training through ELCACT
- Opportunity for group members to participate in events with local cardiovascular industry representatives organized by ELCACT
- Regular updated information, primarily through e-mail, about ELCACT research activities, symposia, education and outreach
- Eligibility to apply for Core ELCACT membership

Membership Responsibilities

To receive the above benefits, affiliate members agree to do the following:

- Acknowledge ELCACT membership in peer-reviewed publications, poster presentations, and oral presentations
- Demonstrate commitment to collaborative and multidisciplinary activities with other ELCACT members
- Attend meetings, retreats, or symposia sponsored by the ELCACT
- Be reasonably available for ELCACT mentoring, fundraising activities, and planning activities

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