MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
AUTISM SHARING INITIATIVE
(v1.1, Approved: March 18 2019)

This Membership Agreement establishes that the below-referenced organization is an Organizational Member of the Autism Sharing Initiative (ASI).

Background and Mission
The ASI is an international, nonprofit consortium formed in 2019 to create a federated, global network for sharing genomics and clinical data to accelerate discoveries and the development of precision therapeutics in autism. ASI aims to connect the largest and most diverse collection of autism data in the world and make it broadly and responsibly accessible to researchers through standards and technologies developed by the Global Alliance for Genomics & Health.

More information about ASI can be found at autismsharinginitiative.org.

Membership Rights and Responsibilities
Organizational Members will be entities, either not-for-profit or for-profit, in fields such as healthcare, public health, biomedical and other research, information and life sciences, and neurological disorders and patient advocacy that subscribe to the mission, founding principles, and goals of the ASI.

Each Organizational Member will have the right to designate individuals from its organization who will represent the organization in ASI-related work, meetings, and governance matters through the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consist of members of the ASI to collectively guide its mission. Consistent with their own mission and policies, Organizational Members are expected to:

- Commit to the shared mission and principles of ASI
- Collaborate, share knowledge, and contribute to the development and integration of tools and systems in the ASI ecosystem
- Responsible sharing will always be adhered to by all members
- Each organization will have an opportunity to nominate an individual to join the Steering Committee.

Participation in specific projects, initiatives, or networks developed or catalyzed by the ASI may carry additional requirements. For example, access to various datasets may require formal approval and is not automatically granted by being a member of ASI. All members will adhere to co-member procedures and policies for access and sharing of data and information.
Organizational Members may not advertise, offer services, or apply for funding or grants under the auspices of the ASI without prior written approval by the Steering Committee.

Organizational Members that do not adhere to the mission and founding principles of the ASI, or that act in such a way as to damage the interests or reputation of the ASI, may be removed from membership of the ASI by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.

This agreement is not intended to and does not create any legally binding financial or other obligation on the part of the signatory organization or between the signatory organization and the ASI or any of the partner organizations and does not establish a joint venture, partnership, association or other entity.

An Organizational Member may resign at any time by sending a written notice to the following address: resign@autismsharinginitiative.org.

By signing this membership agreement, the below-referenced organization agrees to participate as an Organizational Member of the ASI. Send a signed copy to info@autismsharinginitiative.org.

Organization:

Signature:

Name and Title:

Date:

Questions?

Please email info@autismsharinginitiative.org