

## **LINDA CRNIC INSTITUTE FOR DOWN SYNDROME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome (Crnic Institute) exists to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome through advanced biomedical research. Crnic Institute Members are scientists, clinicians, and trainees from institutions across the Colorado Front Range, including the University of Colorado, Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado State University, National Jewish Health, and the University of Denver, who share in the Crnic Institute's mission. Together, this collaborative research consortium works to accelerate scientific discovery, therapeutic development, and personalized medical care for people with Down syndrome.

### **Section 1. Eligibility for Membership**

Crnic Institute Membership is available to faculty, clinicians, trainees, and staff who focus on or support basic, clinical, translational, or population-based Down syndrome research. Application for Membership is voluntary and indicates agreement by the applicant with the Crnic Institute's *Expectations of Membership* defined in Section 3 below.

### **Section 2. Benefits of Membership**

1. Access to funding programs sponsored by the Crnic Institute, including the Grand Challenges Grant Program, the Blumenthal Fellowship Program, and other special funding opportunities.
2. Access to Crnic Institute resources and reagents, including mouse models of Down syndrome, a multidimensional biobank of diverse human samples, and a large collection of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), to name a few.
3. Invitation to monthly seminars and networking events, the Crnic Institute's Annual Research Symposium, and other special events.
4. Announcement of major research developments through the Crnic Institute and Global Down Syndrome Foundation (Global) media channels.
5. Invitation to participate in various community events in partnership with Global, such as fundraising or advocacy events, community gatherings, and education and training activities.
6. Access to the Crnic Institute's administrative office for support of:
  - a. Development and submission of grants supporting Down syndrome research.
  - b. Planning, scheduling, and organization of Crnic Institute-endorsed activities benefiting a large contingent of the Members.
7. Faculty and trainees will be listed on the Crnic Institute website, including a headshot, description of their Down syndrome research, and links to relevant lab or faculty websites.
8. Membership requires no financial commitment.

### **Section 3. Expectations of Membership**

To maintain Crnic Institute Membership, each Member is expected to comply with the following:

1. Attend Crnic Institute symposia, seminars, and other events.
2. Prepare and present research updates for either a scientific or lay community forum, generally no more than 1-2 times per year, in support of Crnic Institute and Global programming.
3. Provide an annual Member update, including new publications, grant submissions and awards, and any other resources developed or obtained relating to Down syndrome research.
4. List "Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome" as an academic affiliation on all publications and presentations relating to Down syndrome.
5. If having received financial support from the Crnic Institute funding mechanisms, acknowledge support from the Crnic Institute and Global in publications and presentations.
6. If having received research resources from the Crnic Institute, acknowledge this support in publications and presentations, such as the Crnic Institute Human Trisome Project Biobank or the Crnic Institute Mouse Models Shared Resource.

### **Section 4. Membership Categories**

1. **University of Colorado (CU) Member:** Individuals with appointments or employment at any of the University of Colorado campuses.
2. **Affiliate Member:** All other individuals outside the CU system.

### **Section 5. Application Process**

Application for membership is voluntary and connotes agreement by the applicant with the guidelines outlined here.

Candidates must submit an online application. Questions: [crnicinstitute@ucdenver.edu](mailto:crnicinstitute@ucdenver.edu)

A complete application consists of:

1. A completed [Membership Application Form](#).
2. A short statement about your Down syndrome research or interest.
3. For postdoctoral fellows and faculty applicants: a copy of your current NIH biosketch.

Applications will be reviewed approved by Crnic Institute staff.