



Background

The GPPN desires to become a truly global network. To that end, the network aims to broaden the geographical representation of its members through a slow and gradual expansion of its membership base. New members could be invited to join the GPPN first as associate members, with the possibility of eventual accession to full membership. This document explains the processes, criteria and responsibilities of associate and full members of the GPPN.

Associate Membership Scheme

To ensure that any expansion of the network occurs slowly and thoughtfully, in order to not reach over-capacity, the following process shall be observed when inviting prospective new members to join the GPPN:

1. First, a full member must invite any prospective new member to attend the GPPN Conference (*note: not the Deans' Executive Meeting*) as an Observer. The prospective member may choose to send either a Dean or other university representative. The Dean/representative can choose to come alone or with a group of up to 5 students to participate in the conference.
2. Prospective members may attend the GPPN Conference as Observers, but may not attend the Deans' Executive Meeting.
3. After the prospective new member has attended/observed a GPPN Conference and has met the requirements for associate membership, they must then be nominated by at least one full member to join the network.
4. In addition to the original nominator, at least 2 other full members should support the nomination.
5. There are two instances during the year that full members could nominate new members, namely during the annual Deans' Executive Meeting and the Deans' Mid-Year Meeting.
6. The proposal to admit any new member must then be approved by a unanimous decision among Full Members taken at a Deans' Executive Meeting.
7. All new members start as an Associate Member.
8. Associate Members should contribute to the GPPN budget by paying an annual membership fee that is 50% of the Full Members' fee.

Associate Member Requirements

To become an Associate Member, a university/school must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Offer a two year Master degree in public policy.
2. Be invited or nominated to join the network by at least 1 full member, and have the support of an additional 2 full members.
3. The Dean (or representative) and a team of students must have attended at least one GPPN Conference as observers.
4. Have student exchange programmes with at least two full members. The student exchanges should have been active for at least 2 academic years.
5. Have established, or be working towards at least one dual degree with at least one full member.

Associate Member Academic Criteria

In reviewing applications to admit a university/school as an Associate Member of the GPPN, the Deans will consider:

1. The academic research standing of the applicant institution (or of the policy school (or equivalent) within that institution) in terms of producing research that is world-leading or internationally excellent, as defined by the Deans' peer assessment taking into account university rankings as appropriate.
2. The demonstrable commitment of the applicant institution to upholding the highest standards of academic rigour in scholarship.
3. The commitment of the applicant institution to an excellent educational experience, as determined by the Deans' collective peer assessment.
4. A stated commitment by the applicant institution to intellectual freedom in pursuance of scholarship.
5. The extent to which the applicant institution broadens the geographical representation of the GPPN in becoming a truly global network.

Associate Member Responsibilities

Associate members have the following responsibilities:

1. Attend at least one Dean's Meeting every year.
2. Contribute to the GPPN budget by paying an annual membership fee (50% of the fee for Full Members).
3. Nominate a staff member to serve as Focal Point and participate in online Focal Point meetings.

Associate Member Benefits

Associate members enjoy the following benefits:

1. Eligible to participate in the annual GPPN Conferences. Each Associate Member may send a maximum of one student team of up to 5 students.
2. Eligible to participate in other specified GPPN related activities, e.g. case studies, student and alumni network, joint editorial board for student journal.
3. Eligible to have the University/School name and logo published on websites, publicity materials, etc. as an Associate Member of the GPPN.

Accession to Full Membership

1. An Associate Member may apply to become a Full Member if:
 - They have been an active, fee-paying Associate Member for at least 2 years,
 - They meet all the requirements and criteria for Full Membership, and
 - They have the support of at least 2 full members.
2. There are two instances during the year that Associate Members could apply to become Full Members, namely during the Annual Deans' Executive Meeting and the Deans' Mid-Year Virtual Meeting.
3. Any applications to become a Full Member must be approved by a unanimous decision among Full Members taken at a Deans' Meeting.
4. Associate Members may remain Associate Members indefinitely.

Full Member Requirements

To become or remain a Full Member, a university/school must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Offer a two year Master degree in public policy.
2. Have dual degrees and/or exchange programmes with at least three full members, of which one should be a dual degree.
3. The dual degrees / exchange programmes with full members should have been active for at least 2 academic years.
4. Confirmed faculty and student demand for collaboration within the GPPN framework.
5. Contributed to the GPPN budget by paying the annual membership fee each year.
6. Fielded at least one student team for each GPPN Conference.

Full Member Academic Criteria

*In reviewing applications for accession from Associate Member to Full Member of the GPPN, the Deans will consider the following, **with a higher institutional standard** expected for each criterion than for admission as an Associate Member:*

1. The academic research standing of the applicant institution (or of the policy school (or equivalent) within that institution) in terms of producing research that is world-leading or internationally excellent, as defined by the Deans' peer assessment taking into account university rankings as appropriate.
2. The demonstrable commitment of the applicant institution to upholding the highest standards of academic rigour in scholarship.
3. The commitment of the applicant institution to an excellent educational experience, as determined by the Deans' collective peer assessment.
4. A stated commitment by the applicant institution to intellectual freedom in pursuance of scholarship.
5. The extent to which the applicant institution broadens the geographical representation of the GPPN in becoming a truly global network.

Full Member Responsibilities

Full members must meet the following responsibilities:

1. Attend all Deans' Executive Meetings.
2. Participate in the decision-making process and governance of the network.
3. Contribute to the GPPN budget by paying an annual membership fee.
4. Nominate a staff member to serve as Focal Point.
5. Host the GPPN Secretariat and annual conference, in rotation with other full members.

Full Member Benefits:

Full members enjoy the following benefits:

1. Eligible to participate in all GPPN related activities and meetings.
2. Full involvement in decision-making process and governance of the network.
3. Eligible to participate in the SDG Certificate Programme (must appoint a focal point and Scientific Coordinator).
4. Eligible to have the University/School name and logo published on websites, publicity materials, etc. as a Member of the GPPN.