

BUSM Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute (WCVI)

Mission and Membership

The WCVI's mission is to advance the field of cardiovascular research and science. Investigators in the WCVI conduct and coordinate research and training related to the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The WCVI combines and integrates basic science, clinical investigation, and population science with the ultimate goal of advancing patient care.

Membership in the WCVI is open to all full-time faculty at Boston University. The Center fosters multidisciplinary collaborations among outstanding cardiovascular research faculty and trainees in the clinical, laboratory and population sciences by providing seminars, infrastructure and cores; and in turn, the members are expected to contribute in the following capacities:

- Work as members of an interdisciplinary team within cardiovascular research programs;
- Actively participate in WCVI activities (e.g. seminar series, retreats and research symposia).

Benefits of WCVI Membership: Active members will have access to:

- Pilot funding programs
- Subsidies to support use of WCVI related core facilities;
- Opportunities to participate and present their research at center-organized activities (e.g. research symposia, seminar series, retreats).

The WCVI membership includes full-time faculty with primary academic appointments in departments at Boston University who help fulfill this mission through research and scholarship, educational programs and initiatives, and technology translation to advance cardiovascular science and care.

CVI membership includes:

- **Core** faculty members have active labs or research programs in WCVI space.
- **Affiliated faculty** members have their research space in other BU space.
- **Emeritus** members are retired or now part-time faculty who were previously core or affiliated CVI members.

Applicants for an **initial appointment** or as a core or affiliated WCVI member must submit:

- a letter to the Center Director requesting membership, noting their full-time status, committing to adhere to the obligations of membership (see conditions for renewed appointment below) and cosigned by the faculty member's department chair
- current curriculum vitae.
- a copy of their most recent Boston University Faculty Annual Report for faculty who have served for more than one year.

The WCVI's Academic Executive Committee (AEC) will consider and vote on **initial faculty** membership based on significant scholarship in cardiovascular research or in research closely linked to active WCVI programs. The AEC, comprising section heads from the center's affiliated sections and core and affiliated members who are full professors, will review WCVI faculty core and affiliated members every third year. The AEC will request a:

- cover letter to the Center Director requesting reappointment and committing to adhere to the membership obligations (1-4 below),

- current curriculum vitae,
- copy of the members' most recent Boston University Faculty Annual Report.

The AEC will consider and vote on ***continued membership*** of full time faculty based on:

1. Significant scholarship in cardiovascular research or in research closely linked to active WCVI programs.
2. Participation in WCVI activities including committee service, attendance at WCVI-sponsored fora, seminars, meetings and symposia, and shared responsibility for attainment, implementation, use, and continued improvement of WCVI core resources.
3. Submission of cardiovascular-related grants
4. Active membership in an interdisciplinary team with demonstrated commitment to collaborative academic and educational activities with other WCVI members and their students.