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Chapter Affiliation Standards & Expectations (CASE) Planning Workbook – Incorporated Chapters

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Welcome Letter

Dear ACRP Chapter Leader,

Welcome to the 2020 Chapter Affiliation Standards & Expectations (CASE) Planning Workbook for the pilot chapters. This workbook is designed to help chapters prepare to submit the annual online CASE submission form.

The online CASE submission itself will consist of two (2) parts:

Part 1: Annual Update – Focusing on the chapter’s demographic information.

Part 2: CASE (Basic Requirements) – A self-reporting assessment of chapter’s achievements and adherence to chapter affiliation requirements.

The CASE submission reports on a chapter’s activities and accomplishments during the prior calendar year (January – December). **The deadline for submitting the online CASE survey is January 31.**

Chapters will be rewarded with ACRP funding based on membership recruitment and retention results in the reporting year. To qualify, each chapter must submit the online CASE report and all supporting documents 1) Current Chapter Board Roster (*using the “[Chapter Board Roster Template](#)” spreadsheet*), 2) Strategic Plan for the upcoming year, and 3) year-end financial results for the period January 1st – December 31st of the reporting year by the January 31st deadline.

Eligibility for financial incentives will be based on the following membership metrics **as well as** adherences to the Chapter Affiliation Standards & Expectations (CASE) requirements:

Membership Increase Percentage	Chapter Bonus Amount
3 – 5%	\$250
6 – 9%	\$500
10% +	\$800

Please make sure to identify the chapter leader responsible for submitting the CASE survey.

If you need additional information about the CASE submission process, please contact chapters@acrpnet.org.

Thank you for your ongoing time, commitment, and leadership!

ACRP Membership

PART ONE: Annual Update

Part 1 of the CASE submission is the Annual Update. This section provides information about your chapter such as membership, financial performance, and progress towards goals.

You will be asked to provide information and/or answer the following questions when completing Part 1 of the online survey.

The following four (4) questions are specific for US chapters. If your chapter is outside the US, the IRS should be replaced with the Federal Tax Agency in your country.

1. What is your chapter's Employer Identification Number (EIN)? _____
2. Is your chapter recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) 3 organization? Yes No
3. If no, what is your IRS tax status? _____
4. Upload a copy of your form 990 or 990N (postcard) filing to the IRS from the reporting year. This can be saved from <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search>. This is required to be covered under the ACRP umbrella filing.
5. Did your chapter have a half-day or full-day conference, seminar, or other large event in the reporting year?
 Yes No
6. Will your chapter have a half-day or full-day conference, seminar, or other large event in the next reporting year?
 Yes No
7. Did your chapter partner with another membership organization during the reporting year? (ASCO, API, AACR, etc.)
 SoCRA ASCO Other _____
8. Did your chapter partner with an educational institution in the reporting year?
 Yes No
9. If yes, what was the name of the institution?

10. Does your chapter have an ACRP Certification study group or offer a Certification Prep Course?
 Yes, in this reporting year and planning for next reporting year
 Did not do in this reporting year, but planning for next reporting year
 Did in this reporting year, but not planning for next reporting year
 Did not do in this reporting year and not planned for next reporting year

In addition to the chapter's Online Community, does your chapter communicate through any social media channels? Please select all that apply.

- A LinkedIn group - URL _____
- A Facebook group - URL _____
- A Twitter feed - URL _____
- Instagram - URL _____
- Other _____
- None of the above

PART TWO: CASE Survey (Basic Requirements)

The Basic Requirements sections is a baseline of operations and will help your chapter build a stronger foundation for success. You will be asked to evaluate your chapter’s achievement of ACRP’s chapter affiliation requirements.

Chapter Affiliation Standards & Expectations (CASE)

	Yes	No
The chapter provided at least two (2) professional development activities for members. Activity 1 Title and Date _____ Activity 2: Title and Date _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The chapter maintained its ACRP Online Community on the ACRP website with up-to-date information.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The chapter complied with federal and state reporting requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In what state is your chapter incorporated? _____		
Are your current board officers recorded within your incorporation documents?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Appendix A: Sample Chapter Strategic Planning Guidelines

ACRP strongly encourages each of its chapters to establish goals and strategic initiatives to support the needs of clinical research professionals. These goals allow chapters to increase visibility and effectiveness as well as expand the chapter’s impact within the community.

Creating your Chapter’s STRATEGIC PLAN

Your chapter’s strategic plan should focus on: Education/Professional Development, Marketing, Communications, Membership, Certification, and Budget.

- Each chapter is required to submit at least three (3) total initiatives.
- A goal is not the same as an activity or task. For example, placing an order for ACRP marketing materials for a membership push is not an initiative; but, rather, would be part of a larger strategic initiative of increasing chapter membership.

- Preparing an annual budget for your chapter will provide your financial foundation for your strategic plan. Monitoring your performance against your budget will help you stay on target.

How to Get Started

When developing your initiative, it may be helpful to answer the following questions as part of how you look strategically at that goal:

- What is the purpose of your initiative?
- What need are you identifying and how will you help?
- How do you want to make an impact in this area?
- If this isn't a new initiative, how will you improve upon earlier work?
- What resources will you access?
- What is your timeline?
- How is this initiative going to be communicated?
- How are you engaging your members?
- How will you know if you are successful?
- What measures will you implement?

Each chapter is encouraged to model the vision, mission and strategic goals of the global organization.

Below, please provide at least three (3) goals your chapter would like to accomplish in 2020:

Appendix B: Template - Year-End Financial Results

Reporting of financial results is required by your chapter's affiliation agreement with ACRP. You will NOT have to submit a separate financial statement. Reporting the information below will satisfy the reporting requirement.

NOTE: Be sure to file your chapter's tax returns (i.e. federal returns 990, 990-EZ, 990-N) before the filing deadline.

Chapter Revenue	
Registration Fees	
Chapter Dues	
Sponsorship	
Donations	
Other	
TOTAL CHAPTER INCOME	0
TOTAL CHAPTER ASSETS*	
Chapter Expenses	
Events - Food and Beverage	
Events - Honoraria	
Events - Travel	
Board - Travel	
Board - Registration Fees	
Board - Food and Beverage	
Office Supplies	
Other	
TOTAL CHAPTER EXPENSES	0
NET PROFIT/LOSS (income - expenses)	0

*"Total Chapter Assets" includes cash, CDs, money-market accounts, the market value of other investments such as stocks or bonds, property owned by the chapter (real estate), etc.

If you have questions, or need additional support, please contact chapters@acrpnet.org