



AGHE Summary of Benefits for 2012-2013 Membership year

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (a.k.a. AGHE) is the international leader in advancing education on aging and is the only institutional membership organization devoted primarily to gerontology and geriatrics education since 1974.

AGHE's mission is two-fold: (1) To advance gerontology and geriatrics education in academic institutions; and (2) To provide leadership and support of gerontology and geriatrics education faculty and students in educational institutions. AGHE is the Educational Unit of The Gerontological Society of America.

An Overview of AGHE Membership Benefits Includes:

General Resources

1. Annual Meeting: For faculty, administrators, and students-focuses on teaching about aging issues and administering gerontology and geriatrics programs.
2. Member Institution Support: Faculty, administrators, and students are supported through AGHE's many networks including annual meetings, teaching resources, website, advocacy, committees, and staff expertise.
3. Publications: A broad range of AGHE publications is available including learning resources, bibliographies, course syllabi, program models, etc. In addition, the AGHEExchange newsletter is published on a trimester schedule and the official AGHE journal is *G&GE: Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*[®].
4. Discounts: Member institutions and their faculty obtain discounted registration fees for the annual meeting, plus discounted fees for exhibit space, advertising space in the program book and the newsletter, and use of AGHE's mailing list.

For Academic Programs, Centers and Departments

1. Program Review & Development: The AGHE *Standards & Guidelines* document includes gerontology and geriatrics curriculum and program parameters for all levels of programs – associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral.
2. Program Consultation: National experts identified through AGHE assist colleges and universities with developing, strengthening, and evaluating their gerontology/geriatrics programs.
3. Program Recognition: The AGHE Program of Merit (POM) recognition is available to academic gerontology and geriatrics programs that meet AGHE Standards and Guidelines and other measures of program quality.
4. National Links and Visibility: A National Directory of Educational Programs in Gerontology and Geriatrics that describes education and training programs in gerontology and geriatrics at more than 750 schools also spotlights programs of AGHE members and assists in promoting their visibility and enrollment.

For Individuals (Administrators, Faculty and Students)

1. Professional Recognition: Awards and acknowledgements that recognize the contributions of faculty, students, administrators, organizations and individuals at AGHE's annual meeting, in the meeting program, and in the AGHEExchange.
2. Fellowship Status: Faculty of member institutions may apply for fellow status recognizing outstanding contributions to gerontology and geriatrics education.
3. Special Programs: The Careers in Aging Week and other special projects.
4. Leadership Opportunities: AGHE provides faculty, administrators, and students with leadership opportunities on its many committees, and Leadership Advisory Council, and Executive Committee.
5. Grant Opportunities: AGHE works with our member institutions to assist with grant development and implementation as well as partnership building.

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