



NNDC Membership Application

Applicants may apply for either Member or Center of Excellence status. The NNDC Membership Committee and Board of Directors reserve the right to recommend an alternative membership category based on the application materials submitted.

Membership Requirements

Membership in the National Network of Depression Centers is available in two categories — Center of Excellence and Member. Read more below to learn more about each category and the benefits of becoming a member.

Center of Excellence Requirements

This membership level forms the core of the Network, providing leadership in clinical delivery, research and education. Center of Excellence members meet the following criteria:

- Academic institution or an entity within an academic institution
- Have or plan to establish a physical comprehensive depression center or similar department or unit within academic medical center
- Brings expertise and a commitment to the NNDC vision, mission, and goals
- Meets all of the following six criteria for Centers of Excellence listed below:
 1. Supports a Comprehensive Depression Center (or is in the process of establishing) or similar department or unit within an academic medical center
 2. Has achieved a critical mass of multi-disciplinary experts, clinical delivery, research, and education
 3. Partners with diverse schools and departments with an interdisciplinary orientation
 4. Provides community outreach, education, and training
 5. Actively participates in Network collaborations
 6. Makes in-kind contributions to support Network initiatives

Annual Center of Excellence Dues: \$30,000

Member Requirements

This membership level provides an opportunity for academic institutions, multi-center mental health programs or health care agencies to join with the Centers of Excellence members to advance the vision, mission and goals of the NNDC. Members meet the following criteria:

- Academic institution, multi-center mental health program or health care agency
- Has expertise to bring and a commitment to the NNDC vision, mission, and goals
- Meets all of the following five Member criteria listed below:
 1. Provides expertise in at least one of the following areas: clinical delivery, research, education
 2. Committed to an interdisciplinary approach to treatment and research
 3. Provides community outreach, education, and/or training
 4. Actively participates in Network collaborations
 5. Makes in-kind contributions to support Network initiatives

Annual Member Dues: \$15,000

Joint Membership Opportunities

If your institution is unable to meet the criteria listed above for membership on your own, you may apply with another organization and become joint members. If you are applying as a joint member with another institution, you will be asked in this application to describe how your institutions intersect and work with one

another on a regular basis as it relates to this application.

**Annual dues and membership criteria are subject to modification and additional factors may be considered by the NNDC Board of Directors.*

Membership Benefits

Join the Power of the Network for these benefits—and countless more as we come together to advance research, care delivery and access, impact, and collaboration!

Advance Research & Clinical Innovation

- Access to the Mood Outcomes Program (MOP) research database, with the ability to extract data without required data submission
- Multicenter clinical trials, collaborative grants, and in-network peer review
- Opportunities for collaborative publications and next-generation research
- Support for MOP implementation across sites
- Cross-site coordination to implement innovative treatments (e.g., ketamine/esketamine clinics, Group Medical Visits)

National Leadership, Visibility & Co-Branding

- Board, committee, and strategic leadership roles within NNDC
- Senior and junior Task Group co-chair opportunities
- Faculty participation across 13 NNDC Task Groups
- Co-branding opportunities that elevate institutional and faculty visibility

Faculty Development, Recruitment & Education

- Mentorship and career development for junior faculty and trainees
- Recruitment value through national network affiliation
- Shared educational programming, CME, and NNDC presentation opportunities
- Travel awards for young clinicians and researchers

Collaboration, Growth & Shared Value

- Partnerships with peer academic centers and industry innovators
- Program expansion, event co-hosting, and shared revenue opportunities
- Collective efforts to improve patient access and outcomes

Additional Center of Excellence Membership Benefits

NNDC Board of Directors Representation

- Two Voting Board Members
- Exclusive eligibility to join NNDC Executive Committee leadership with approval
- Strategic NNDC decision making opportunities (strategic planning, advocacy, public policy, financial decisions, membership recruitment/approval, governance, and more)
- First opportunity to co-host annual APA reception

Hosting Rights for NNDC Conferences + Events

- Host the Annual Conference or Best Practices event to spotlight your expertise and programs
- Showcase expertise, share your successes, and highlight your facilities while shaping event programming
- Gain recognition in all event materials—before, during, and after—for stronger recruitment and outreach
- Boost collaboration opportunities for your team with internal and external partners
- Earn increased revenue through multi-speaker participation in Best Practices sessions

NNDC Mood Outcomes Program

- Contribute data with increased financial support for meaningful participation
- Increased eligibility for additional funding through grants, industry contracts, philanthropy and more

Faculty Leadership & Development Opportunities

- Exclusive opportunity to lead Task Group Coordinating Committee

- Faculty preference to lead Task Groups
- Faculty preference to lead programs and initiatives within the NNDC Strategic Plan

For more details about NNDC membership visit: nndc.org/membership or email nndc@nndc.org

Membership Category and Type of Membership

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Type of Member Application *

☐ Single Institution Application

☐ Joint Institution Application

☐ Other

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Name of Institution(s) *

Name of Contact Person *

First Name

Last Name

Contact Person Title *

Credentials *

Contact Person Email *

Contact Person Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

example@example.com

Primary Institution Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Primary Institution Website URL: ***Name of Department Chair or Equivalent ***

First Name

Last Name

Credentials ***Email of Department Chair or Equivalent ***

example@example.com

Membership Criteria

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Criterion 1: Comprehensive Depression Center Commitment

Rationale: Each NNDC Center of Excellence institutional member must either have or be willing to take steps to form a Comprehensive Depression Center or similar department or unit within the academic medical center. The comprehensive depression center is expected to integrate basic, translational, clinical, and population-based research with clinical care delivery and educational activities. Commitment from university or host institution to provide sufficient resources, space and funding including NNDC membership dues is also required.

Please describe how your center integrates basic, translational, clinical, and population-based research with clinical care delivery and educational activities or your plans for meeting this criterion in the future. *

Criterion 2: Critical mass of interdisciplinary experts, clinical delivery, research, and education

Rationale: NNDC Center of Excellence member institutions are required to have a critical mass of multidisciplinary experts in depressive and bipolar disorders with at least 6 collaborating investigators in some aspect of mood disorders; a comprehensive clinical delivery system; a substantial funding base in grants and research in depression, bipolar disorders, and related disorders; and evidence-based education within a medical setting. National recognition of excellence in mood disorders research is also expected. While coverage in depression, bipolar, and related mood disorders in the setting of medical conditions is required, greater emphasis in one or more of these areas, i.e. sub-specialization, is encouraged. All centers do not need to be identical.

Please describe the depth and breadth of your critical mass of interdisciplinary experts, clinical delivery, research, and education. Please also include a list of major grants awarded. *

Criterion 3: Partnerships with diverse schools and departments and interdisciplinary orientation

Rationale: Center of Excellence member institutions are expected to involve diverse schools and departments in their comprehensive depression centers in keeping with the interdisciplinary principle of the network, e.g., family medicine, other primary care, psychology, public health, nursing, pharmacy, social work, etc. Partnerships could also be with appropriate departments or schools outside their university or host institution. Center of Excellence member institutions are required to organize interdisciplinary research, clinical delivery, and education across involved scientific areas of the institution to “make the whole greater than the sum of its parts.” Clinical translation into underserved populations, including military, is expected and work with satellite clinics is encouraged.

Please describe your current interdisciplinary partnerships as well as any future plans to meet this criterion and include an organizational chart if available *

Criterion 4: Community outreach, education, and training

Rationale: Center of Excellence institutional members are required to have substantial community outreach and education programs or plans to implement such programs soon. Center of Excellence member institutions are also required to show evidence of working with local community and advocacy groups (e.g. NAMI, DBSA, etc.).

Please describe your current and planned future programs and activities in community education and outreach. *

Criterion 5: Network collaborations

Rationale: It is the philosophy of the NNDC that its institutional members will collaborate in research and clinical delivery; have common collaborative efforts in outreach and education; and engage external stakeholders including advocacy groups and others in informing public policy. NNDC Center of Excellence member institutions are required to engage in substantial collaborations within the network. Some examples of these collaborations include participation in common network research protocols developed by the NNDC; contributing content and review efforts for potential NNDC publications; collecting standardized assessment data and monitoring outcomes; collaborating with other NNDC member institutions in scientific work, including research, development of guidelines, protocols and standards etc.; participating in multi-institution data analyses supported by the NNDC; and contributing to NNDC informatics infrastructures.

Please indicate your willingness to participate in network collaborations and describe any current partnerships with NNDC sites. *

List of sites can be found here: <https://nndc.org/member-sites>

Please describe your organization's planned areas of participation within the NNDC, such as involvement in Task Groups, the Mood Outcomes Program, CME events, committees, or other NNDC initiatives. Include the types of participants expected to engage (e.g., psychiatrists, psychologists, advanced practice providers, administrators, researchers, nurse practitioners, residents, etc.) and their roles or positions within your organization. Additionally, indicate any

interest in NNDC leadership or service roles, including Task Group Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs, Executive Committee positions, or other governance and advisory opportunities, as well as interest in mentorship, collaboration, or support from established NNDC member sites (e.g., program development, outcomes measurement, clinical workflows, or research). If desired, you may include the names, credentials, and titles of anticipated participants. *

Why is your organization seeking to join the NNDC, and what do you hope to gain from participation in the network? *

How will your organization contribute to and advance the mission of the NNDC as a member institution? *

Criterion 6: In-kind contributions

Rationale: Each Center of Excellence member institution shall make substantial “in-kind” contributions to the network in addition to their annual monetary dues. These contributions shall be in the form of supporting their faculty, staff and their comprehensive depression center membership to participate in NNDC efforts and sub-entities like committees, task groups, panels etc.; sending representatives to NNDC meetings and events; aiding in the network’s educational, research, and public policy efforts; and promote the NNDC and your center’s membership in the NNDC.

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institutions intersect and work with one another on a regular basis is it relates to this application.

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