



The Harvard FXB Health and Human Rights Consortium

Health and Human Rights Journal invites you to join the Harvard FXB Health and Human Rights Consortium in recognition of the key role and commitment that you and your institution have demonstrated in the health and human rights field. The journal is inviting members of the Consortium to contribute to its editorial direction and impact. The Consortium brings together and gives voice to a growing professional constituency that promotes the right to health as a discipline, with practical application to academic teaching, policy, practice, and research.

Since its inception in 1994, *Health and Human Rights* has been an important voice for those who view health as a human right. Based at the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health, it has been a steady companion to the health rights movement, providing researchers, scholars, and practitioners a forum to examine health through a rights lens. It has always been financially supported by Harvard University and the FXB Center, and is published in an open access platform.

Most open access publishers require authors to pay publication fees. The journal's publisher, Harvard University Press, and the FXB Center, believe that this creates a financial barrier to the publication of research and wish to select submissions on their merit alone. As a result, *Health and Human Rights* is a leading journal in its field, and is proud to disseminate research findings and critiques at no cost to readers, or authors, unless the authors can use an open access grant. If authors can use a research grant or university facility to cover open access costs, they are asked to contribute to the publication costs of \$2000 per paper. Editor-in-Chief Dr. Paul Farmer and the publishers are committed to this model of full open access.

The open access movement is now a flourishing model of publishing. To support this system of full no-fee publishing, we ask Consortium members to commit \$5000 annually. We allow members' institutions to have three papers published per year without asking authors to look for additional open access grants.

Your participation in this Consortium will strengthen the open access movement, supporting our belief that access to information is not only essential for the development of evidence-informed policy and practice, but is a matter of freedom of information – a human right. Open access publishing allows readers anywhere in the world to read, download, and use peer-reviewed publications at no charge. By removing price barriers and copyright restrictions, research findings are available to practitioners and policy makers who may otherwise not have access to such evidence.

In this way, the Consortium is instrumental in developing a robust academic and practitioner community focusing on the right to health. Members engage with the editorial staff to keep *Health and Human Rights Journal* at the forefront of the field. Importantly, it also builds influence for the burgeoning open access movement.



In return for the financial support members make to the journal, and towards open access, the publishers provide these benefits:

- A named institutional partnership with Harvard's FXB Center for Health and Human Rights
- Opportunity to Guest Edit special sections in the Journal – each issue of the Journal has at least one special section
- An annual essay competition for students undertaking health and human rights courses at members' institutions, with publication of winning essays on the Journal website
- Each institutional member can have up to three papers published per year without authors being asked to look for open access grants.
- Free advertising space on the journal website – for postings on conferences, courses, internships, and fellowships
- Links to institutional websites from the journal website
- Opportunity to share health rights course curricula, to invite peer review of these curricula, and to seek external examiners from within this community
- A position on the Executive Editorial Board and networking opportunities with other members

We are pleased that Harvard University is a strong advocate for open access publishing. We look forward to your involvement in the Consortium as we build support for open access and grow the health and human rights movement.

Read more on open access publishing: "Why open access?"
<http://www.sparc.arl.org/openaccess/why-oa.shtml>

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About Health and Human Rights Journal

Health and Human Rights is an open access international journal dedicated to scholarship and praxis that advance health as an issue of fundamental human rights and social justice. It seeks to provide a forum for academics, practitioners and activists from public health, human rights and related fields to explore how rights-based approaches to health can be implemented in practice. In so doing, it contributes to fostering a global movement for health and human rights.

Health and Human Rights began publication in 1994 under the editorship of Jonathan Mann. Paul Farmer, co-founder of Partners In Health, assumed the editorship in 2007.

The journal provides an inclusive forum for action-oriented dialogue among human rights practitioners, and endeavors to increase access to human rights knowledge in the health field by linking an expanded community of readers and contributors. The full text of all *Health and Human Rights* papers is free.

Health and Human Rights applies rigorous scholarly analysis on the conceptual foundations and challenges of rights discourse and action in relation to health. The journal is dedicated to empowering new voices from the field — highlighting the innovative work of groups and individuals in direct engagement with human rights based approaches to health. It seeks to foster scholarship and reflective activism that promotes informed action to realize the right to health.

The journal is published twice each year in June and December, with select papers available online between issues. Each issue has at least one special section, as well as general papers. Consortium members are encouraged to suggest topics for special sections, and guest edit the sections.

Health and Human Rights website provides additional opportunities for interactive dialogue on controversial topics and news about health rights.