

User Advisory Group Membership Policy

The User Advisory Group (UAG) represents a diverse group of end users that contribute to the challenge tasks in BioCreative

- **UAG Roles**

The following list represents the typical activities that the UAG members are expected to contribute during their Membership term.

- 1- Participate in monthly/bimonthly teleconferences
- 2- Assist in gathering the requirements for the text mining systems (when needed)
- 3- Review text mining document submissions (depending upon domain expertise on the submission topic)
- 4- Review evaluation methods (when needed)
- 5- Assist in recruitment of users for text mining testing
- 6- Assist in evaluating text mining system (when applicable)
- 7- Annotate corpus (when needed and depending upon domain expertise)
- 8- Assist in writing manuscripts.

- **UAG Recruitment**

UAG is typically formed by 8-12 members who are recruited by the chairs Cecilia Arighi and Zhiyong Lu, with the help of the BioCreative Organizing committee, when a new BioCreative workshop/challenge begins. Members are recruited based on the topics of the tracks selected for the given challenge year. Participation period runs from the time of acceptance of UAG membership to the end of the BioCreative workshop. A member may be recruited in multiple BioCreative challenges.

- **Benefits of UAG members**

Members will have direct interaction with text mining developers, a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of practical systems.

Members who actively participate and significantly contribute to UAG activities are typically invited to be co-authors of the Task Overview paper in both BioCreative Workshop proceedings as well as the corresponding peer-reviewed journal article (depending upon acceptance).

Members will receive free registration to attend the BioCreative workshop.

Depending upon funding availability, members of the UAG may receive some additional stipend for travel expenses.

- **UAG membership termination**

Members of the UAG are free to leave the group at any time, but the chairs request that the member send a notification e-mail providing justification for early termination.

The chairs can decide on UAG membership termination if the UAG member does not demonstrate contribution to any of the activities described under UAG roles.