

2025 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

RESEARCH COMMITTEE



PURPOSE

The Research Committee (RC) advances equitable, high-quality global health research across CUGH member institutions by strengthening research capacity, fostering collaboration, and promoting responsible, impactful science, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The RC supports bidirectional research partnerships, methodological rigor, and ethical research practice while responding to emerging scientific, policy, and funding challenges affecting the global health research ecosystem globally.

CO-CHAIRS

- **Christine Ngaruiya**, Stanford University
- **Paul Kilgore**, Wayne State University

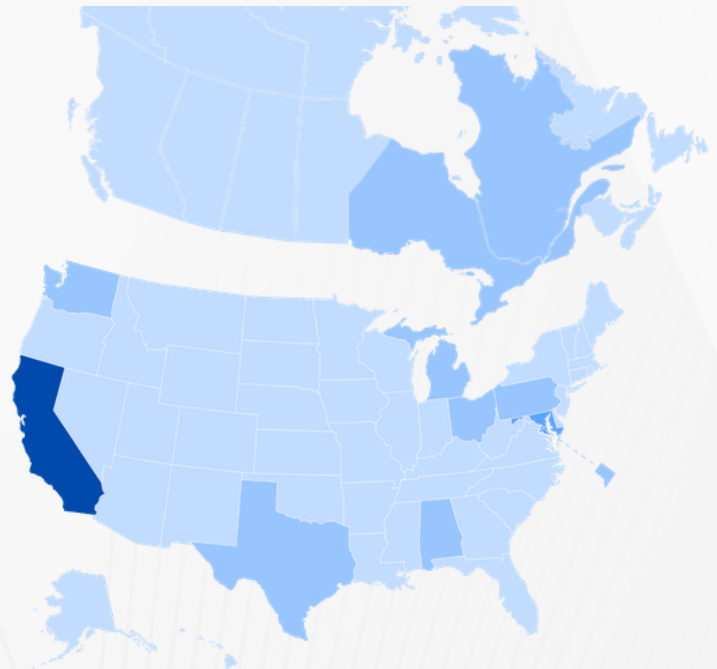
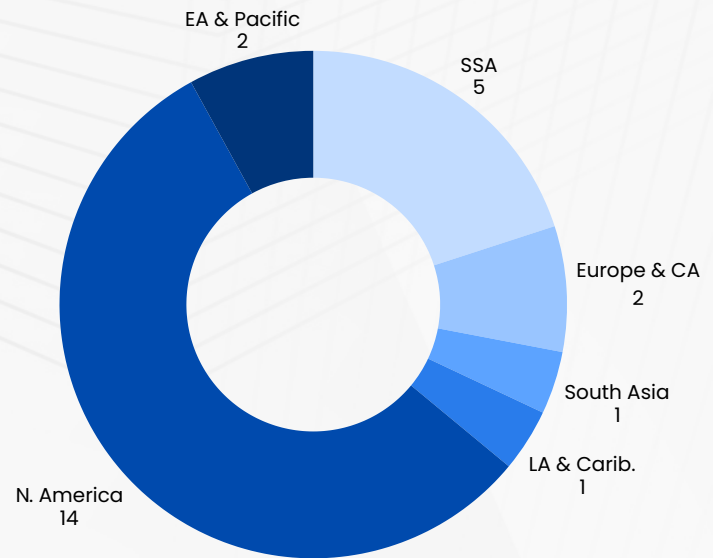
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Led 2025 CUGH Virtual Global Health Week session: *Strengthening Capacity for Clinical Trials in Low- and Middle-Income Countries*

Made committee governance and structure improvements:

- Approved a revised mission statement emphasizing collaboration, equity, and bidirectional knowledge exchange
- Established a Secretary role to strengthen governance and continuity
- Conducted competitive member vetting and selection amid high demand (~160 applicants for 5–6 positions)

MEMBERSHIP



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- **A1** **Hold pre-conference workshop and panel at CUGH 2026** on science communication, in collaboration with the Pulitzer Center and Global Health NOW, and AI in global health education and curriculum design
- **A3** **Expand biostatistics, clinical trials, and mentorship offerings for early- and mid-career researchers**, including paired-mentorship models and virtual training
- **B1** **Formalize collaboration with AFREhealth** around mentorship and capacity strengthening
- **B2** **Publish peer-reviewed and policy-facing outputs** from the AI in Global Health Working Group
- **Continue advocacy** on research funding, scientific integrity, and equitable participation in global research