

Dear Prospective Member:

The purpose of the University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network (UMTRN) is to support the development of new research, disseminate information on the determinants of tobacco consumption and its avoidance, and create a forum for the exchange of ideas concerning tobacco and nicotine, both within and outside of the University. Toward that end, UMTRN strives to enhance communication among and about UM's extraordinary wealth of researchers concerned with nicotine and tobacco.

In addition to our core members, we offer the designation of UMTRN Associate to three categories of colleagues: (1) UM doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows; (2) UM-affiliated tobacco control practitioners currently not engaged in research (e.g., medical center professionals running smoking cessation programs); and (3) non-UM affiliated professionals who have national reputations for their work on nicotine and tobacco issues who live and/or work in the immediate community. Associate members have access to all of the information disseminated by UMTRN, as well as to seminars.

To illustrate how you may benefit from Network membership, we will briefly identify some of the principal functions that the Network fulfills:

1. UMTRN serves as a disseminator of information, passing along announcements of tobacco-related grant opportunities, major new research findings from within and outside UM, etc. UMTRN has set up listservs specific to such purposes so that members can see those they wish to and avoid email clutter with those they do not.

2. UMTRN hosts occasional presentations and/or debates and seminars with prominent researchers and policy influentials from outside UM. In addition to lectures open to the public, we also host small-group breakfast and luncheon seminars on timely and controversial tobacco and nicotine issues, open by invitation only to UMTRN members. In addition to their inherent interest, these seminars help to foster the development of useful new collaborations among UM colleagues.

3. UMTRN has developed a website (<http://www.umtrn.sph.umich.edu>) that identifies UM's tobacco and nicotine researchers and briefly describes their areas of interest (with links to their home pages, if they so desire). Specific studies and news events are featured, if and when members wish them to be publicized. Information about the website is distributed to other tobacco researchers and interested journalists and policy makers. In turn, the Network has developed a list of journalists and policy makers interested in tobacco so that members who so desire will have ready channels to disseminate findings from their work in a manner that will maximize its visibility and impact.

What we ask of you to be listed as a member of UMTRN is simply your permission to include your name and the modest bit of information requested on the attached page (most of which we can fill in for you if you submit a recent CV with the form). The success of UMTRN for us as individuals, and for UM as an institution, depends entirely on the Network's ability to span the wealth of tobacco and nicotine research resources on the UM campus. Please fill in the enclosed brief questionnaire and return it to Cliff Douglas, who can be reached at cdoug@umich.edu or by telephone at 734-936-0939.

Sincerely,

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UM TOBACCO RESEARCH NETWORK
Application for Associate Membership

[Note: In lieu of filling out the entire form, simply complete item 7, consider items 9 and 10, and sign and date on line 11. Then attach a recent CV from which we will extract the rest of the needed information. For item 8, feel free to asterisk relevant information in your CV, if you wish.]

1. Name: _____ Degree(s): _____

2. Position (Professor, Lecturer, Assoc. Research Scientist, etc.): _____

3. Department/School/College/Institute: _____

4. Your Scientific/Research Discipline(s): _____

5. Mailing Address: _____

6. Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

7. What are your principal tobacco- and nicotine-related interests? *(Please provide a few phrases, up to a paragraph or two.)*

8. We would appreciate some information on your tobacco- or nicotine-related publications and grant involvement. You can write in such information below or on the reverse side of this page, or enclose a recent CV, refer us to a website with the information, or send a recent PHS biosketch.

9. Is there anything else you want to tell us about your interests or involvement in tobacco and nicotine issues?

10. Do you have any questions about the Network or suggestions as to how it might best serve your interests?

11. I wish to be a member of the University of Michigan Tobacco Research Network.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your application by email, fax, or regular mail to:

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