

HEART (Healthcare Equity and Accessible Rights Treaty) Club Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be **HEART (Healthcare Equity and Accessible Rights Treaty)**.

Article II – Mission Statement

HEART is a student-led organization committed to addressing global health disparities through the lens of international law and public policy. Our mission is to advocate for equitable access to healthcare for underserved and marginalized populations, especially refugees and migrants, by promoting legal protections and actionable policy reform on a global scale.

Article III – Purpose

1. To explore the intersection of global health and legal justice.
 2. To advocate for policies that advance healthcare equity worldwide.
 3. To collaborate with health and legal organizations to develop impactful policy recommendations.
 4. To educate and engage the student body in issues surrounding international health law, human rights, and global crises.
 5. To create a platform for students passionate about legal advocacy, healthcare equity, and international policy.
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Article IV – Membership

1. Membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto with an interest in global health, law, human rights, or international policy.
2. Members must:

- Attend at least 2 general meetings per semester.
 - Participate in at least one initiative or event per year.
3. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. HEART is committed to inclusivity and diversity.
 4. Membership includes openness to the participation of members in all activities, as per the Policy on Open, Accessible, and Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations, and this applies to amending this Constitution.
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Article V – Executive Structure

The Executive Team shall consist of:

1. **President** – Oversees all club operations, coordinates with external organizations, and leads meetings.
2. **Vice President** – Supports the president, manages internal affairs, and assists with projects.
3. **Director of Policy & Advocacy** – Leads research and development of policy recommendations.
4. **Director of Global Health Education** – Organizes speaker events, panels, and educational workshops.
5. **Communications Officer** – Manages social media, marketing, and public relations.
6. **Events Coordinator** – Plans fundraisers, conferences, and advocacy campaigns.
7. **Treasurer** – Manages club finances and budget proposals.

All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.

Article VI – Elections and Terms

1. Executive positions are elected **annually** in March.

2. All student members of the University of Toronto are eligible to vote.
 3. All student members of the University of Toronto are eligible to run for any Executive position. No requirements or recommendations may bar a student from running.
 4. The election must be held in a neutral and unbiased manner. No individual seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.
 5. Nominations will open two weeks prior to elections.
 6. Executives serve a one-year term from May to April.
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Article VII – Meetings

1. General meetings shall occur bi-weekly during the academic year.
 2. Executive meetings will be held monthly or as needed.
 3. Special events, panels, or campaigns may require additional meetings.
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Article VIII – Amendments

1. Amendments to the constitution must be proposed by an executive member.
 2. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of active members present.
 3. Members shall be notified of proposed amendments one week in advance.
 4. The process of amending the Constitution must adhere to the Policy on Open, Accessible, and Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations.
 5. All general voting members are able to propose amendments to the constitution, in addition to voting on them.
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Article IX – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all remaining funds and resources shall be donated to a nonprofit organization that aligns with HEART's mission, determined by majority vote of the executive team.

Article X – Removal and Appeals Process

1. The removal of an executive member from office and/or the termination of a member from the organization can be proposed by the Executive Committee and must be voted upon by that Committee.
2. The person facing removal or termination has the right to appeal to an Appeals Committee, separate from the Executive Committee and composed of members who have no conflict of interest.
3. Final decisions must be made through a fair process ensuring transparency, accountability, and due process .