

About the GHI Ambassador Programme

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Empowering Change

A number of food scientists from all over the world find it unacceptable that one billion people in the world go hungry while safe and nutritious food is destroyed each year due to differences in food safety regulations that cannot be scientifically justified. As a result, the **Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI)**, an international non-profit network of individual scientists working together to promote harmonization of global food safety regulations and legislation, was officially established in 2007. GHI strives to develop scientific consensus on key food safety matters to assure safety while reducing unnecessary food destruction, and works to support consistent, science-based food regulations.

The GHI Ambassador Programme is designed to support this goal by empowering selected members to serve as front-line representatives for GHI. Ambassadors invite scientists in their regions or countries to enroll as GHI members, foster new opportunities for information-sharing, and identify specialists to comment on consensus documents produced by working groups of the organization.

How to Become a GHI Ambassador

GHI seeks scientists willing to promote the goals of the organization in their countries or regions. Interested applicants must possess:

- A willingness to subscribe to the goals and philosophy of GHI
- Scientific skills and experience that allow sound scientific assessments
- Good communication skills, both verbal and written, in the local language and in English
- Interest in food regulations, risk/benefit analysis and the scientific process and in disseminating this information
- Ability to identify specialists and scientific forums, communicate with food safety regulators and discuss issues in the local language.

If you are interested in serving as a honorary GHI Ambassador, we invite you to follow these steps:

1. Become a member. Only registered members of GHI are eligible to become Ambassadors. If you are not yet a member, you are invited to complete the **membership application form**. There is no fee to join GHI, the only requirement is that you are a conscientious and motivated scientist in a food related area.
2. Contact GHI via email at **Ambassador Programme Director** indicating the country or region in which you wish to serve as an Ambassador. Several Ambassadors may be selected to serve in the same country or region to form a GHI Ambassador Team.
3. Please include your CV together with a statement of activities stating how you propose to work towards achieving the organization's goals. You may want to read the **Ambassador Programme Guidelines**, which contain actions to be performed by Ambassadors.

The GHI Board will review all applications and appointed Ambassadors will be informed about their election to the by the Ambassador Programme Director and will receive an Ambassador Certificate and information to assist them with their duties.