



### **Purpose**

The Council on Research and Evaluation (CORE) serves as a convener for the identification and discussion of issues, challenges and solutions regarding research and evaluation for the AUCD Network; represents research and evaluation activities within the AUCD Network; and influences the development and implementation of initiatives relevant to achieving and sustaining appropriate and research and evaluation activities to guide key priorities, practices and policies.

### **How CORE Relates to AUCD Work**

The CORE fulfills its purpose and the mission of AUCD and its constituent membership by serving as a conduit for technical assistance, providing input into policy, and engaging in relevant support activities deemed necessary to advance the mandate for research and evaluation.

The Council, in collaboration with the AUCD Board, helps:

- Lead the Network in full and equitable integration of people with disabilities, their family members or carers in all aspects of the research and evaluation process.
- Identify topics of common interest as focus areas for network members to advance, develop and sustain key initiatives or recommendations across the Network.
- Carry out training activities to complement, enhance or strengthen fundamental and advanced research capacity and skills of members to conduct quality research and sound evaluation activities.
- Share information about important and emerging research and evaluation topics and opportunities.

### **Membership**

Membership is open to anyone in Centers and Programs affiliated with AUCD who chooses to join the CORE. We welcome all individuals of any training or experience level, and of all expertise, backgrounds and interests related to research and evaluation. Participation in or attendance at activities or meetings is highly encouraged, but not a requirement to join or maintain CORE membership. We invite all members and any individuals with interest in CORE activities to attend quarterly membership meetings. Meetings are held virtually, and when available, in person during the AUCD Annual Conference.