



Dear AUPHA colleagues:

As we begin preparations for a new academic year, it is important to communicate AUPHA's overarching philosophy and values with regard to inclusion, belonging, collaboration, and equity. AUPHA is the very "big tent" for the healthcare management and leadership and health policy academy. We have a membership category for every kind of university program and any individual interested in teaching and learning and scholarship for our field.

In February 2021, the AUPHA Board unanimously adopted this statement regarding "rankings neutrality". This is an important reminder of the value AUPHA places in all members. We are truly "better together" as a field. As I commented in my last CEO blog, "together we can do anything!"

AUPHA Is Rankings Neutral

The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) is neutral to third party-rankings, lists of subjective comparisons, and competitive quests among academic programs. In support of our vision to be recognized as the global leader in advancing higher education and scholarship in healthcare management and policy, AUPHA seeks to be not only diverse, but also inclusive, equitable, and collaborative in our relations with all graduate and undergraduate health administration and policy education academic programs.

AUPHA does not provide lists, data, or other information to any organization that ranks our programs. AUPHA is neutral with regard to any and all undergraduate, masters, or doctoral program rankings, published in print or online.

Consistent with AUPHA's mission, vision, values, philosophy statement, and newly adopted DEIB & SJ statement, AUPHA will never use rankings to raise money, put programs in a position where they feel like they are competing with fellow AUPHA academic programs, or in any other way exploit our members with references to, or use of, rankings.

Sincerely,

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