



To: Pediatric Department Chairs

On behalf of the American Pediatric Society (APS) and the Society for Pediatric Research (SPR), we are pleased to invite you to nominate one outstanding researcher from your department at the fellow or emerging junior faculty level to participate in an invitation-only, half-day program collaboratively planned by the APS and SPR. This session, **APS SPR Journeys & Frontiers In Pediatric Research**, is part of a new PAS Lab, *Friday in the PARC: Pediatric Science & Research Career Day*, at the PAS 2020 Meeting, a special collection of educational opportunities for early career-stage researchers. We also invite you to nominate one additional outstanding trainee from your Department at the resident or medical student level with a strong orientation and commitment to pediatric research, if their research is strongly related to this year's theme (Genomic Basis of Disease).

Designed as a "mini-Gordon conference," **APS SPR Journeys & Frontiers In Pediatric Research** will be an intimate gathering featuring exceptional scientific talks from leading pediatric researchers on this year's theme, **Genomic Basis of Disease** (see preliminary agenda). These talks will be followed by opportunities for emerging investigators to share their own research and gather feedback from academic pediatric leaders in a scientific round table setting. To facilitate networking and discussion with senior leaders, this gathering will be limited to only 100 participants nominated by pediatric department chairs and chosen by APS and SPR leadership.

We believe this forum will inspire and foster the development of the academic pediatric scientist pipeline essential to innovation and improvements to child health. As the premier North American scholarly child health meeting, the PAS Meeting is the natural venue for this gathering, and the long history of close, productive collaborations of our organizations make APS and SPR enthusiastic partners with PAS in this exceptional educational offering.

To nominate an outstanding early-stage researcher from your Department to join this event, please email the following information to info@central-office.info by March 9, 2020:

- Nominee name, degree(s), email address, specialty/subspecialty (if applicable), a 1-2 sentence summary of their research focus including relevance to our theme, and a list of their publications. Please note: nomination of women and underrepresented minorities is especially encouraged.
- Confirmation of departmental commitment to fund PAS 2020 Meeting registration and related travel.
- Confirmation that the Nominee, if selected, will attend the full event on Friday, May 1, 2020, from 1-7:30pm, at the PAS 2020 Meeting in Philadelphia.

The APS and SPR Executive Councils will select and invite participants to join the session no later than March 20, 2020. Final invitees will also be listed on the APS and SPR websites.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and any other feedback you would like to give us before or after the session. We appreciate this opportunity to partner with you to build a thriving pipeline of academic pediatric scientists.

Sincerely,

Robin Steinhorn, MD
President, American Pediatric Society

Joel Hirschhorn, MD, PhD
President, Society for Pediatric Research



**APS & SPR JOURNEYS & FRONTIERS IN PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
GENOMIC BASIS OF DISEASE
Preliminary Schedule & Speakers**

1-1:05pm **Welcome - Robin Steinhorn, Joel Hirschhorn, APS | SPR Presidents**

1:05-3:30pm **Journeys & Frontiers in Pediatric Research**
1:05-1:35 **A Career Journey: One Researcher's Story - Bruce Gelb**
1:35-2:05 **Senior Science (APS) - TBD**
2:05-2:35 **Senior Science (SPR) - Sallie Permar**
2:35-2:55 **Developing Science - Ashley Steed**
2:55-3:15 **Developing Science - Neil Romberg**

3:15-3:30 **Break**

3:30-4:30pm **Concurrent Scientific Round Tables – 60 minutes each**

- Table Leads: Speakers and/or APS or SPR Council members; facilitate intros, networking
- Format: 2-3 minute research overview from jr researchers; discussion & feedback
- Participants: Assigned by specialty/research interests - 8 max/table.

4:30pm-6:00pm **Concurrent Workshops**

- **Integrating research into residency: Transforming clinical training to support pediatric scientists.** Sallie Permar, F. Bruder Stapleton, David Nichols, D Parsons, Audrea Burns
- **Career development: Independent research, grants, and transition to leadership** Constantine Stratakis, David Hunstad, Dennis Twombly, Tonse Raju, Katherine Grantz, Nathalie Maitre

6:15pm **Event Reception for Participants**
Table Leads continue to facilitate introductions, networking, and feedback