



Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)

Membership Classification and Standing Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define the types of SPR membership, the requirements to obtain and maintain membership, and member privileges.

SPR Membership Types: SPR offers three classes of membership as defined below. To remain a member in good standing, Members must pay annual dues. Members who are three years in arrears on dues are subject to action according to SPR Membership Termination policy.

1. **Junior Member:** Individual currently enrolled in or recently graduated from established fellowship program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in or not more than 6 years graduated from established fellowship program related to pediatrics in an academic institution.

Status Effective Date

- Within sixty days of submission of complete application with demonstration of membership criteria fulfillment

Status End Date

- Upon the sixth anniversary of graduation from established fellowship program related to pediatrics in an academic institution OR
- Upon admittance to another SPR Membership category OR
- Upon Junior Member resignation in writing, loss of Good Standing status, or death OR
- At the discretion of Executive Council

Privileges While in Good Standing

- Receipt of all SPR communications relevant to member type
- Participation in all duly announced SPR Member events
- Participation on SPR Committees or similar groups, as approved by Executive Council

2. **Active Member:** Individual actively engaged in independent, ongoing hypothesis testing basic, clinical, translational or other investigations in pediatrics.

Eligibility

- Record of productive, independent, ongoing participation in hypothesis testing research in pediatrics as determined by Council AND
- Submission of complete nomination or application form approved by Executive Council

Status Effective Date

- January 1 following the Fall Executive Council at which Member status is approved by Executive Council vote

Status End Date

- Upon transition to Emeritus status OR
- Upon Member resignation in writing, loss of Good Standing status, or death OR
- At the discretion of Executive Council

Privileges While in Good Standing

- May nominate or second a nomination of any new member or awardee
- May vote in any duly called SPR election
- Consistent with SPR policies regarding Officer and Council positions, may serve as duly elected Officer or Council member
- Receipt of all SPR communications to Members
- Participation in all duly announced SPR Member events
- Participation on SPR Committees or similar groups, as approved by Executive Council
- Subscription to society journal, *Pediatric Research*, with additional SPR member privileges as determined by the journal.

3. Emeritus Member: Individuals who are former SPR members and are now retired.

Eligibility

- SPR Member in good standing who is currently retired.
- Executive Council may grant Emeritus status to a Member in response to extenuating circumstances.

Status Effective Date

- Immediately upon decision of Executive Council following Member written request

Status End Date

- Upon Member resignation in writing, loss of Good Standing status, or death OR
- At the discretion of Executive Council

Privileges While in Good Standing

- May nominate or second a nomination of any new member or awardee
- Receipt of all SPR communications to Members
- Participation in all duly announced SPR member events
- Participation on SPR Committees or similar groups, as approved by Executive Council

Standing: To remain in membership, an individual must be in Good Standing which is defined as:

- Not more than three years in arrears in dues assessed to membership category.
- Not subject to any cause finding by Council
- Members who have been terminated for cause must be re-nominated.
- Members who have been terminated for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment in full outstanding dues.