SPR Mission

Creating a multi-disciplinary network of diverse researchers to improve child health
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Newly Elected

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Benefits of SPR Membership

1. Academic Career Development Support
2. International Recognition as Pediatric Researcher
3. National Research Presentation Forum
4. High Visibility Service Roles in National Forums
5. Opportunities to Impact the PAS Meeting

Call for SPR Membership Nominations: May 15 - July 13
Benefits of SPR Membership

6. Access to ~4,000 Members-Only Directory
7. Honors for Pediatric Researchers
8. Advocacy for Child Health Researchers
9. Online access to *Pediatric Research*
10. Opportunity to Impact SPR Strategy & Programs

Call for SPR Membership Nominations: May 15 – July 13
Active Member

- Individual engaged in ongoing, independent, hypothesis-driven research related to pediatrics
- Track record of independent work initiated since fellowship (original science manuscripts)
- Typically hold a faculty appointment at the mid/late assistant or early associate level or higher
- Annual dues $350 (includes online subscription to Pediatric Research)
- No age restrictions!

Transition to Emeritus membership eligible upon retirement
SPR Member Categories

Junior Section Member

- Pediatric specialty trainee or early career faculty (up to 6 years after graduating fellowship/post doc)
- May self-nominate year-round
- No assessment of dues

For more information on Junior Section

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What does SPR do?

Who is SPR?

How does SPR help Trainees?

**SPR Helps Pediatric Researchers**

Connect ~ Collaborate ~ Catalyze Research

- **4,500 academic pediatric researchers** ~ Open to all specialties
- **Includes ~1,300 Junior Section Members** – residents, fellows and beyond

- **Grants, awards, mentoring, regional & national conferences, year-round educational programs, advocacy**

- **SPR helps Trainees** build a successful academic pediatric research career – and still have a (joyful!) life.
Spr Awards for Trainees

- **Financial Support**
  - PRomotion of FellOwS' PEdiatric Research (PROSPER) Award/Grant ~$15,000 and Mentoring

- **Regional & National Recognition**
  - Enhance Diversity in the Research Workforce ~ 4

- **Recognition at the PAS Meeting**
  - House Officer Research Awards ~ 3
  - Students Research Awards ~ 6
  - Fellows’ Research Awards (Basic & Clinical) ~ 12
  - Richard D. Rowe Award ~ 1
  - David G. Nathan Award ~ 1

Want your research recognized?

Spr offers 30+ competitive awards, many for Trainees!

Scan for more information on Spr Awards
Regional & National SPR Research Cohort Network

Launched with Midwest SPR these Cohort Networks are specifically designed to support early career pediatric researchers.

- Opportunities to present scientific talks in a friendly, intimate setting
- Small group discussion for feedback on scientific work
- Safe space to learn from peers and successful pediatric researchers
- All career advice topics are welcome. No stupid questions!
- Cohort opportunities, no matter your geographic location!

Need research & career mentoring? SPR Research Cohort Networks can help!
Want to submit an NIH K award?

Join the SPR Junior Section and apply for the Grant Writing 101 Program!

SPR Grant Writing 101 Program

• Provides practical, expert hands-on guidance for selected Junior Section members planning to write and submit an NIH K award (K08, K23, K99/R00)

• Program participants highly successful in securing grant funding

• Intense 6-month interactive workshop format course facilitated by highly successful pediatric researchers with proven grant track record

• Participants write a complete K grant with facilitator guidance, review and feedback on each grant section

• Cohorts limited to 5 Junior Members to ensure 1:1 highly individual hands-on guidance

• Applications accepted February 1 through March 1.
Are You A Resident? Fellow? <6 years from completing your Fellowship?

Join SPR’s Junior Section for resources and educational opportunities designed for you!

SPR Junior Section Membership

• Provides hands-on, practical help to build your academic career
  • Grant-writing workshops
  • Career development workshops
  • Research cohorts for feedback & support

• Aids your transition to Fellow and then to Faculty

• Builds your network with leading researchers and peers

• Offers regional and national conference opportunities

• 30+ competitive awards to recognize promising researchers

• No membership dues!
Scan for information on SPR Junior Section
Call for SPR Junior Section Council Members

Seeking **four** motivated Council members with diverse expertise, geographical locations, and backgrounds with experience or motivation to participate in areas including:

1) member recruitment
2) DEI
3) creation of seminar series and career development
4) networking

**Apply by May 21!**
Follow SPR!

Society for Pediatric Research. Our mission: Creating a network of multidisciplinary researchers to improve child health. #pediatrics #pedresearch #SPR
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SPR Junior Section
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The SPR Junior Section promotes networking within pediatrics and provides resources and educational opportunities for developing pediatric physician-scientists.

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134 Following 297 Followers
Our Journal

Pediatric RESEARCH

- Publishes basic, clinical, epidemiological research and quality improvement
- Provides a forum for scientific discussion
- Promotes early career investigators
- Highlights policy implications of published articles
- Creates professional diagrams of relevant pathways

Bench, Bedside and Beyond

Official Journal of the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society and the European Society for Paediatric Research
SPR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCAN for SPR FAQ
SPR Welcomes 160 New Members in 2023
Scan for More Information on SPR Active Membership
SPR and PAS

Pediatric Academic Societies – SPR is founder and co-host of the PAS Meeting

Partner Societies

• Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)
• Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
• American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
• American Pediatric Society (APS)

SPR Members @ PAS

• Present leading pediatric research findings
• Build new research partnerships; Mentor early career pediatric researchers
• Review abstracts, moderate sessions
• Serve on PAS Program Committee and in leadership positions to shape the future of PaS
SPR Members & Junior Members: 
PAS Sessions & Events Planned For You!

Friday April 28

3:45-5:15pm - PAS Joint Presidential Plenary: 
Measuring the Impact of Research and Science 
Beyond Bibliometrics

Scan for full list 
of SPR 
Sessions/Events at PAS
SPR Members & Junior Members:
PAS Sessions & Events Planned For You!

Saturday, April 29

8:00-9:30am - Revolutionizing Your Manuscript Reviews: Why I love reviewing!

11:00-12:30am - SPR Presidential Plenary: Best of SPR Featured Science

12:30-2:00pm - Eat. Greet. Celebrate: SPR Awards & New Members Reception

2:00-3:30pm - Do Results of Randomized Controlled Trials Performed in High-Income Countries Translate to Low-And Middle-Income Countries?

6:00-7:30pm - Junior SPR Networking Reception  *(Not limited to SPR Junior Members – All Trainees Welcome)*
SPR Members & Junior Members: 

Sessions & Events Planned For You!

Sunday, April 30

8:00-9:30am - Developing Physician-Scientists to Lead the Collaborative Teams of the Future

10:00-11:00am - PAS Enhancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Reception

11:00-12:30pm - Using Science to Dismantle Racism in Medicine

2:00-3:30pm - Personalized medicine: how your patient’s biology transcends “race”

Scan for full list of SPR Sessions/Events at PAS
SPR Members & Junior Members:  
Sessions & Events Planned For You!

Monday, May 1

8:00-9:30 am - More than just a seat at the table: How parents and children can improve pediatric research

1:00-2:30 pm - SPR Presidential Plenary: Innovating in Pediatrics – Moving Academia & Research Forward to Meet the Needs of the Future

Scan for full list of SPR Sessions/Events at PAS
Other Noteworthy Events

Friday, April 28

2:00-3:30pm - PAS Opening General Session

Saturday, April 29

8:00-9:30am - The Impact of Firearm Policies and Research Priorities in the United States: Past, Present, and Future

8:00-9:30am - Applying Equity and Anti-Racism in Academic Pediatrics: A Multipronged Approach

11:00-12:30pm - The Future of Pediatric Primary Care Research

2:00-3:30pm - Hurting Babies for Research
Other Noteworthy Events

Sunday, April 30

8:00-9:30am - Dr. Taeun Chang Memorial Symposium on Neonatal Neuromonitoring

10:00-11:00am - PAS Enhancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Reception

2:00-3:30pm - From Cells to Society: Clinical translational approaches to treating toxic stress in the pediatric primary care setting

Monday, May 1

7:00-8:00am - Pediatric Policy Council Legislative Breakfast: Unpacking the Politicization of Child Health

8:00-9:30am - Defining Long COVID in Children: RECOVER (Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery), an NIH-Funded National Initiative
Scan for **SPR Sessions/Events** at

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Pediatric Academic Societies
SPR Programs for URiM Individuals

PRomotion of FellOwS‘ PEdiatric Research (PROSPER) Diversity Awards

Awardee receives:
• $15,000: $7,500 from SPR + $7,500 institution match
• Mentoring by experienced pediatric researcher

For 1-year pediatric research project that facilitates an academic research-focused career trajectory for fellows from under-represented minority background(s)

2023 Awardees

Kaitlin Hall
University of California, Los Angeles

Kim Vuong
Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children’s Hospital

Awards sponsored by
SPR Programs for URiM Individuals

SPR Awards to Enhance Diversity in the Research Workforce

Award provides PAS travel support for talented child health researchers who comes from an underrepresented background. One award per regional society of the SPR.

Awardees

- **Eastern SPR**: Michelle Mejia  
  St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Drexel University College of Medicine

- **Midwest SPR**: Osayame Ekhaguere  
  Indiana University

- **Southern SPR**: Michelle-Marie Peña  
  Emory University, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

- **Western SPR**: Laura Forero Zapata  
  University of California San Diego
Scan for information on SPR Junior Section
SPR DEI Sessions/Events at PAS

• Sunday, April 30, 10 – 11:00AM
  *PAS Enhancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Reception*

• Sunday, April 30, 11 – 12:30PM
  *Using Science to Dismantle Racism in Medicine*

• Sunday, April 30, 2 – 3:30PM
  *Personalized medicine: how your patient’s biology transcends “race”*
DEI Actions You Can Take

SPR Endorsed DEI Session at PAS:

• Saturday, April 29, 8 – 9:30AM
  Applying Equity and Anti-Racism in Academic Pediatrics: A Multipronged Approach
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SPR Regional Societies

SPR Collaborates closely with all 4 independent SPR Regional Organizations

- The Eastern Society for Pediatric Research
- Midwest Society for Pediatric Research
- Western Society for Pediatric Research
- SSPR Southern Society for Pediatric Research
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