

Please use this as a guide to ensure the nominator letter addresses all the required areas as delineated below. Additional information may be provided.

To the SPR Membership Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

This letter serves to nominate *[Candidate Name]* for membership in the Society for Pediatric Research.

In the following paragraph(s), describe how the candidate has met criteria for SPR membership, with specific information that supports each criterion.

Research leadership, participation, and productivity in an area relevant to pediatrics/child health with an independent trajectory as demonstrated by **one or more** of the following:

- One or more recent (< 2-3 years) first or last author publication of original-science, hypothesis-related, peer-reviewed research from studies completed after fellowship/research training. These publications must demonstrate intellectual leadership of the research effort.
- Letter of support indicating that the Nominee is a project leader within a collaborative research group or network, with relevant publications and funding supporting the role and productivity.
- Current (within 2-3 years) extramural grant funding in the Nominee's primary research area, with a description of the Nominee's role in securing funding described, or as PI/multi-PI. Funding should be for investigator-initiated, hypothesis-related research. Training grants (e.g. T-series) do not meet this criterion, but individual career development (e.g., K series) and K99/R00 awards are considered.

Publications submitted for review and grants listed should be responsive to and supportive of this criterion. For funding, if the nominee is not PI/multi-PI, the entry should be annotated with the nominee's role in obtaining the grant and conducting the research.

Current Research Activity

One or more publication(s) demonstrating independent research (studies completed after research training period).

- The Nominee must have one or more recent (< 2-3 years), quality, original-science, peer-reviewed publication(s) in a topic related to pediatrics or child health for work completed after fellowship/research training. Middle author papers are considered if letters of support identify that the Nominee has a leadership role relevant to the work, such as within the collaborative research group or network. Submitted publications should be annotated:
 - 1) To describe the hypothesis for the work in question,
 - 2) To describe the nominee's role in the work such that intellectual leadership of the research is demonstrated.

Manuscripts that reflect work completed during the research training period do not qualify, nor do review or position papers, commentaries, or book chapters.

Hypothesis-related Research and Letters

- Describe how the Nominee is engaged in hypothesis-related research as a major focus of their career, through publications and funding, supplemented by letters.
- Letters of support from Nominator and Secondar must support the nominee as an investigator with evidence of hypothesis-related research as a major focus of their professional activity.
- If the fellowship mentor is a co-author or the Nominee continues to work in the same research environment after completion of training, letters must include specific information regarding the Nominee's independent contributions. A supplemental letter in this regard from the mentor or other faculty member with in-depth knowledge can be provided if appropriate.

Sincerely,

[Your signature]