

Please use this as a guide to ensure the nominator letter addresses all the required areas as delineated below. Additional information can 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 publications 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 Nominee's role in securing funding described, or as PI/multi-PI. Funding is not required for membership, but it is supportive. Funding should be for investigator-initiated, hypothesis-related research. Individual career development (e.g., K series) and K99/R00 awards are considered. This means that neither an individual nor institutional K award is reflexively adequate on its own, for membership; it must be supported by other evidence in this category, with consideration given to the differences in publication rates across research disciplines.

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).

- 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 (needs to be described).
- Submitted publications should be annotated:
 - To describe the hypothesis for the work in question
 - 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

- Demonstrate 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 listed as an author on qualifying publications or the Nominee continues to work in the same research environment after completion of training, specific information regarding the Nominee's independent contributions should be provided. If more appropriate, a supplemental letter in this regard from the mentor or other faculty member with in-depth knowledge can address this aspect of independence.

Sincerely,

[Your signature]