



## Society for Pediatric Research

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# CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Receipt Deadline: June 22, 2009**

The Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) welcomes you to apply for membership! As an investigator engaged in research in pediatrics, you have the opportunity to join an organization whose mission is to encourage your research endeavors. Through our co-sponsorship of the Pediatric Academic Societies' (PAS) Annual Meeting, we provide a forum for the presentation and dissemination of your innovative ideas and research. In addition, the Society actively supports the development of future pediatric scientists by sponsoring a student research-training program and recognizes outstanding research achievements in pediatrics through SPR-sponsored awards.

The SPR welcomes investigators from all nations and all pediatric disciplines to join the Society as we bridge basic science, clinical, translational, and epidemiologic research for the advancement of the health and well-being of children worldwide.

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- ◆ Attain international recognition as a productive and independent investigator in pediatrics
- ◆ Sponsor abstracts submitted to the PAS Annual Meeting
- ◆ Review abstracts for presentation at the PAS Annual Meeting
- ◆ Serve as session moderator at the PAS Annual Meeting
- ◆ Chair seminars at the PAS Annual Meeting that focus on pediatric career development
- ◆ Participate in the summer research program that supports medical students working on pediatric-related research projects
- ◆ Serve on SPR council and committees, including the SPR Program Committee for the Annual Meeting
- ◆ Subscription to the society journal (*Pediatric Research*)
- ◆ Access to on-line membership directory
- ◆ Access to the D.O.O.R. (Database Optimizing Outreach in Pediatrics) which is a means to share research interests and expertise with colleagues.
- ◆ Representation in national organizations, including: Association of American Medical Colleges/ Council of Academic Societies, National Association of Biomedical Research, Research! America, American Board of Pediatrics Nominating Societies
- ◆ Representation on the Federation of Pediatric Organizations that is concerned with such vital issues as pediatric workforce and subspecialty training, education and research
- ◆ Representation in Washington, DC through the Public Policy Council which combines the advocacy efforts of the SPR, the American Pediatric Society and the Association of Medical School Department Chairs to "speak with one voice."
- ◆ Vote in Society elections

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- ◆ Prospective members must have an advanced degree (beyond a Bachelor's degree) such as, M.D., Ph.D., D.O., Pharm.D., MPH, and MA/MS.
- ◆ Individuals must be actively engaged in research related to pediatrics.
- ◆ Individuals seeking Active membership must be less than 50 years of age at the time of application. Prospective members who are between 50 and 65 years of age at the time of application, and who meet the criteria for Active membership, as determined by Council, will be admitted as Senior members.
- ◆ Individuals from all nations are welcomed.

### **MEMBERSHIP PROCESS**

Two SPR members in good standing must sponsor the application and one of these members must be an active SPR member under the age of 50. The SPR staff and Council can assist candidates in identifying members who are eligible to sponsor an application. Current SPR Officers and Council members cannot serve as the proposer or seconder for new member applications.

- ◆ The application, including the bibliography, the proposing member's essay, letters of support and representative publication(s) are reviewed by the SPR Council to consider the candidate's qualifications and commitment to pediatric research.
- ◆ Approved candidates begin full membership privileges in January following their acceptance into the Society and membership dues are initially assessed in February, then every June/July thereafter.

*For any questions concerning membership, please call the SPR Executive Secretary at 281-419-0052, email the Membership Secretary, Susan R. Hintz, at [srhintz@stanford.edu](mailto:srhintz@stanford.edu), or contact any Council Member. You can visit the SPR web site at [www.aps-spr.org](http://www.aps-spr.org) to identify current members of the SPR Council.*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF SPR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**1) APPLICATION FORM** must be typed. All questions should be answered completely.

### 2) SPONSORSHIP

Each applicant requires the sponsorship of two SPR members. One of these members shall serve as the **Proposing Member** who is required to submit a proposer's essay and the other member shall be the **Seconding Member**.

- ◆ Either the proposing or seconding member must be an **active** member of SPR (under the age of 50). The other sponsor may be an active, senior, emeritus or affiliate member. Current SPR Officers and Council members cannot sponsor or second a candidate, but they may write a letter of support.
- ◆ The signatures of the proposing **and** seconding members are required on the application form.
- ◆ Dues for the proposing and seconding members must be current.

There is no limit to the number of applications that can be sponsored by a member.

**Important**

### 3) PROPOSING MEMBER'S ESSAY

The Proposing member must provide evidence that the candidate is actively engaged in the conduct of hypothesis-driven research as a major focus of his/her professional activity. In order for the SPR Council to best evaluate the candidate's application, the proposing member's essay should address several key areas, including:

A. Description of research accomplished and in progress and its relevance to pediatrics

B. Productivity and Independence:

- ▶ *At least* one recent publication in a peer reviewed journal (generally within the last 3 years)
- ▶ Significant contribution to the concept, design, and execution of a research project, whether as a sole investigator or as a project leader within a collaborative group or research network. **The specific individual effort of the candidate to the initiation or establishment of the research program should be emphasized.** If the applicant's publication(s) is from a collaborative group, a supporting letter from a senior member of the group that outlines the applicant's independent contributions to the research is requested.
- ▶ Clearly designate those publications that demonstrate the applicant's ability to carry out hypothesis--generating research. *This is particularly important in cases where more senior authors are listed on the publications.* Generally, papers published within two years of completion of fellowship training are not considered representative of a candidate's independent work. **In situations where the fellowship mentor is listed as an author, or the applicant continues to work in the same laboratory or institution after completion of training, specific information regarding the candidate's independent research contributions must be provided.** This is best accomplished by a letter from the research mentor or the fellowship director that describes the applicant's contribution to the original research. (Failure to provide this information may jeopardize a candidate's election into SPR)
- ▶ Independent, peer-reviewed grants should be highlighted. However, independent grant support *per se* is not required for membership.

### 4) SECONDING MEMBER'S LETTER

A letter from the seconding member is **recommended** but not required.

## 5) BIBLIOGRAPHY

Submit a bibliography conforming to the order noted below. DO NOT SUBMIT A CV.

The bibliography should be divided into subgroups with citations listed in chronological order (the most recent citation appears last). Each citation should include authors, title, journal, inclusive pages, and year. The order of authors **must** be the same as those in the original article. **Asterisk(\*)** the paper(s) that best meets SPR membership requirements.

- ◆ Original articles in refereed journals
- ◆ Case reports and short communications
- ◆ Chapters, books and non-peer reviewed material
- ◆ Abstracts presented at national meetings (indicate Society)
- ◆ Articles accepted for publication or in press. *A letter from the publisher is required and must be included.*

## 6) REPRINTS

Submit at least one (but no more than five) publication that is considered to be the candidate's most representative scientific publication. Preprints of articles in press are permitted if accompanied by a letter of acceptance for publication from the journal.

## 7) SUPPORT LETTERS

Support letters from the general SPR membership are not required at the time of submission of the application. A separate announcement seeking support of the nominees will be mailed to the general membership at a later date. The deadline for all support letters is August 10, 2009.

**Important**

### A COMPLETE APPLICATION CONTAINS:

1) **TWO** copies (1 copy plus the original) of the nomination packet collated as follows (no staples):

- ◆ Application Form with bibliography (not a full CV) and the signatures of both the proposing and seconding members. Please place an asterisk to denote the papers that best meet membership requirements.
- ◆ Proposing member's essay, signed
- ◆ Letter from the seconding member (recommended but not required)
- ◆ When appropriate (*see section 3B*), the following should be included:
  - a separate letter from a senior member of the collaborative research group that outlines the applicant's independent contributions.
  - a separate letter from the applicant's research mentor or fellowship director that describes the applicant's independent contribution to the original research.

and

2) **One** copy of at least one, but not more than five, reprints and/or preprints. Preprints of articles in press must include the letter of acceptance for publication from the journal.

**Incomplete or incorrectly prepared applications will not be considered**

### MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail completed packet to:

**Society for Pediatric Research Membership Committee**  
3400 Research Forest Drive, Suite B-7  
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### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

June 22, 2009	Receipt Deadline for Applications
November 2009	Membership Selection by SPR Council
December 2009	Notification of Acceptance Status Mailed



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Application must be received by: **June 22, 2009**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name and Degree(s)							
Age on June 22, 2009		Date of Birth					
Are you a member of any SPR regional society? (check all that apply):		Southern SPR	Eastern SPR	Midwestern SPR	Western SPR		
<b>Mailing Address</b>							
Department or Division							
Institution							
Street Address/Box #							
City, State, Zip, Country							
Phone		Fax		Email			
Present Position							
Pediatric Subspecialty							
<b>Fellowship Training</b>							
Date of Completion							
Institution							
Department							
Name of Preceptor/Mentor							
~ When the applicant continues to work in the same institution after completion of fellowship training, it is encouraged that the fellowship preceptor provide a letter supporting the independence of the candidate (see Section 3B).~							
<b>Education</b>							
Beginning with college, chronologically list schools attended, giving dates and degrees earned, if any, at each institution. (use extra sheets as necessary) Do not submit entire CV.							

**Professional Activity**

Beginning with house staff training, chronologically list all professional positions, giving dates of each position. *(use extra sheets as necessary)* Do not submit entire CV.


**Research Support**

List by title, source and dates the peer-reviewed research support on which the Nominee is Principal Investigator.


**Bibliography/Publications**

Prepare and include per the instructions. Do not submit entire CV

**SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**  
Either the proposing or the seconding member must be an ACTIVE MEMBER of the SPR. (less than 50 years).  
*Current SPR Officers and Council members cannot propose or second member applications.*

**PROPOSING MEMBER**

Full Name with Degree(s)	
Signature <i>(required)</i>	

**Proposing member’s Mailing Address**

Department or Division					
Institution					
Street Address/Box #					
City, State, Zip, Country					
Phone		Fax		Email	

**SECONDING MEMBER**

Full Name with Degree(s)					
Signature <i>(required)</i>					
Phone		Fax		Email	