

**PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY**  
*Fellowship Award Application for 2015-2017*

**Instructions**

Completed applications for the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Fellowship Award must be received by **March 24, 2015** for the award cycle that begins on July 1, 2015.

**Goals:** The goal of the Fellowship Awards is to help increase the pool of highly trained pediatric infectious disease clinical scientists and to stimulate scholarly basic and clinical research in the following areas pertinent to pediatrics: public health/epidemiology, hospital epidemiology, clinical trials of antimicrobials, outcomes research, pharmacokinetics, pathophysiology, molecular pathogenesis, research related to vaccine development, and other topics of relevance to pediatric infectious diseases. **NOTE:** *The Society encourages applications for clinically applied/translational research.*

**Eligibility:** Candidates must possess a MD or MD/PhD and be at least a first-year fellow in a Pediatric Infectious Diseases program in North America at the time of application. The award will be given for two subsequent years of training, during which time the applicant is expected to devote the major portion (at least 75% of time) of those years conducting the proposed research project under the direct supervision of a mentor who must be a PIDS member in good standing for at least one year.

**Support:** An annual stipend will be given for two years, subject to review at the end of the first year. *In the case of awards given to a candidate in the final year of fellowship, only one year of the award will be given to the recipient.* The stipend is intended to provide salary and benefits for the fellow. It is not intended to provide resources for a division's research program, nor to pay indirect costs of the institution.

**Application and Selection Process:** Application materials must be received by 5:00 pm EST on **March 24, 2015**. Electronic submission is strongly preferred. The completed application form (attached) and supporting documents should be assembled **in order** as a single PDF file and transmitted by e-mail to Christy Phillips ([pids@idsociety.org](mailto:pids@idsociety.org)). If electronic submission is not possible, the assembled paper documents should be mailed to the PIDS Headquarters office (PIDS Fellowship Awards Committee; 1300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209). *Applications must strictly adhere to the instructions; applications or supporting documents received after the deadline will not be considered.*

Each application will be reviewed by the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Fellowship Awards Committee (see Review Criteria). Awards will be announced at the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting (San Diego, California, April 25-28, 2015). The recipient and the mentor should be present to accept the award.

**Progress Report:** A progress report must be prepared by recipients of the 2015 Fellowship Award and submitted by February 1, 2016, in order to receive the second year of funding commencing July 1 of that year. The report should detail results accomplished to that date, any obstacles encountered, necessary alterations in the original protocol, and prospects for completion of the project in the two years enabled by the award. Publications (submitted or published) and presentations to scientific meetings should also be submitted. This report will also be sent by PIDS to the Pharmaceutical Company sponsoring the fellow's Award.

**Final Report:** At the completion of the two-year funding period, the fellow must furnish in the format of the NIH grant progress report (PHS 2590) a written summary of the research accomplished, the analyzed and tabulated data, and the conclusions and possible implications. Publications resulting from the project should be submitted. The report should be sent to the PIDS office.

**Acknowledgement:** The recipient of the Fellowship Award must acknowledge the Pharmaceutical Company or other Sponsor in any publication(s) that results from the research enabled by the award. Specific acknowledgement wording will be provided in the award letter.

**Review Criteria:** The Fellowship Awards Committee will address and consider each of the following criteria in assigning the application's overall score, weighing them equally for each application.

- Applicant
- Mentor/Environment
- Research Plan
- Potential for success as a clinical investigator in the field of pediatric infectious disease

#### Applicant

- Quality of the applicant's academic and clinical record
- Educational and training background
- Honors and awards
- Research experience
- Commitment to becoming an independent pediatric infectious disease investigator
- Letters of reference

#### Mentor/ Environment

- Appropriateness of the mentor's research qualifications in the area of the proposed research
- History of research productivity and peer-reviewed support
- Quality and extent of the mentor's previous experience in fostering the development of independent investigators
- Quality and extent of proposed role(s) in providing guidance and advice to the applicant
- Clear commitment to ensure that a minimum of 75% of the applicant's effort will be devoted directly to the research project
- Adequacy of research facilities and training opportunities
- Quality and relevance of the environment for the scientific and professional development of the candidate

#### Research Plan

- Significance
- Originality/ innovation
- Design
- Appropriate use of laboratory technique and/or patient population

#### Potential for Success as a Pediatric Infectious Disease Investigator

- Likelihood that the applicant will become a successful pediatric infectious disease investigator and contribute to training of the future generation

## PIDS FELLOWSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: Work ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certification or Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MENTOR(S) WHO WILL SUPERVISE RESEARCH PROGRAM

(Note: Up to two mentors can be named)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Work ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PIDS Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Work ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PIDS Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## **CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- ☐ **Applicant's biosketch in NIH 4-page format (2009 revision) including complete academic history, training and employment, honors and publications (limited to 15)**
- ☐ **Mentor's biosketch(es) in NIH 4-page format (2009 revision; limited to 15 publications)**
- ☐ **Letter of Support:** *Applicant must arrange for the mentor(s) to submit a letter of support describing the proposed two-year program and documenting the commitment to provide protected time (at least 75%) for the fellow to conduct research. Additionally, the means by which the mentor will supervise the research should be discussed.*
- ☐ **Research Plan:** *The primary hypothesis of the research proposal should be described clearly and concisely. The experimental methods to be employed and any preliminary data should be detailed. The implications and possible applications of results of the proposed project to the ultimate care of children should be described. This section should NOT exceed 4 PAGES (typed double space **12 pitch**; references and figures not included in page allowance).*
- ☐ **Career Plans:** *Please provide a statement on career plans upon completion of fellowship (no more than 1 page).*
- ☐ **Other Support:** *Applicants with current fellowship support or pending applications should complete the information on the following page.*

## OTHER SUPPORT FOR FELLOWSHIP

*Applicants are required to disclose all Federal, non-Federal, private, association, or institutional grants and contract support that they are currently received. Please state the anticipated adjustment if PIDS award is to be made. The Society does not allow duplicate fellowship salary support.*

### **Present Support:**

Grant Provider (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization (Federal, Private, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Award Amount to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment to be made if receiving PIDS award:

### **Pending Support:**

Grant Provider (Do not abbreviate): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization (Federal, Private, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Award Amount to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment to be made if receiving PIDS award: