

What is the PCCSDP?

The Pediatric Critical Care Scientist Development Program (PCCSDP) is a national faculty training program that develops successful pediatric critical care physician scientists. The goal of the PCCSDP is to increase the number of highly-trained, successfully funded, and sustainable pediatric critical care physician scientists who will do research to enhance the scientific understanding, clinical management, and rehabilitation of critical illness in children. The PCCSDP is funded by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

Mid-Career Critical Care Clinicians and Research

The PCCSDP is committed to developing our young faculty into funded physician scientists, and the financial resources of the program are devoted to this purpose. As part of the process, the program holds a research retreat at a world famous resort in Deer Valley, Utah. At this time, we are inviting mid-career or senior critical care faculty who are considering developing research as part of their career to attend this retreat, which will be held November 10 – 13, 2016. Selected participants will be allowed to view the application process, and will benefit from exposure to the National Advisory Committee of the PCCSDP, to interact with young physician scientist colleagues, and to thoughtfully consider the scientific review process. Further, these participants, which we call “Mid Career Research Travelers”, will undergo a focused development session, lead by senior PCCSDP Scholars, exploring and expanding research ideas. This will be a good time to present research ideas and discuss obstacles to success.

Mid-Career Defined

The candidate must be certified in pediatric critical care, should be at least ten years out from their last fellowship training, and should not be an established physician scientist.

Qualifications of the Applicant

The candidate must be considering developing a scientific research component to an already existing clinical career. For example, a faculty member who has been doing clinical care and administration, such as running an intensive care unit, and now at age 50 is considering transitioning into a career that includes serious research, would be an ideal candidate. It is also desirable that candidates have a regular interface with young colleagues at their own institution, as their potential role as mentors is important.

Research Plan

The research plan should demonstrate the ability of the candidate to consider a scientific problem. The research plan may address human subjects or vertebrate animal issues, as applicable. The applicant should demonstrate a basic understanding of the research problem. The research plan will form the major agenda for discussion when the applicant meets as a group at the annual retreat. This session will help the candidate to develop a hypothesis-driven proposal, outline a research design, and describe the implementation.

Letter of Support

A single letter of recommendation from the applicant's Division director should support the potential of the candidate.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ degree(s) _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Educational Information:

Undergraduate/Graduate Institution: _____

Medical School: _____

Institutional Information:

Year of fellowship training completion: _____

Name of Training Institution: _____

Current rank: _____

Research or Career Development Plan: (Do not exceed 500 characters)

Important Dates:

Deadline for Application: October 1, 2016

Annual Retreat: November 10th to 13th, 2016

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