



Dear Colleagues,

I am ecstatic to serve as the Director of the Pediatric Scientist Development Program (PSDP)! The program has a rich history as one of the most successful physician-scientist training programs across the nation, with an impressive cadre of alumni who are leaders in pediatric research. Much of the success is attributed to the ongoing partnership with AMSPDC and the recent leadership of Dr. Peggy Hostetter, who masterfully led the program for over two decades

I look forward to continuing the tradition of offering top notch, national research career training and mentoring for young pediatrician scientists, a group that has been declining in number in recent years. I hope to invigorate the PSDP alumni community, a powerful group of innovators for the health of children, to join us in continuing the PSDP tradition of excellence in pediatric scientist training.



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PSDP fun facts

- The PSDP is an NIH K12 award that fosters basic, clinical, translational, and health services research
- 92% of PSDP graduates work in academic pediatrics
- PSDP Alumni have secured \$533 million in NIH awards
- As of 2017, 49% of PSDP graduates had obtained some form of NIH funding
- External mentorship offered to residents interested in PSDP fellowship opportunity through our alumni mentorship program
- The PSDP is committed to increasing and diversifying the pediatric-scientist workforce!

What alumni are saying...

"My PSDP work/research served as the foundation for my grant application. The PSDP has provided such a formative experience and has overall opened the door to so many other opportunities." – Erlinda 'Chulie' Ulloa, MD, MSc (3rd year PSDP fellow)

"The Pediatric Scientist Development Program provided me with 100% protected research time, outstanding mentorship, a strong commitment from my department, and a wonderful peer network of physician scientists that helped launch my research career in epidemiology and clinical research." – Jason Nagata, MD (PSDP alumni 2019)