

# Educational Scholars Program

## Academic Pediatric Association



### What do Scholars do in the Educational Scholars Program?

Scholars complete an application, including a 2-page project proposal, and undergo a rigorous selection process. They commit 10% FTE to the program over 3 years (May 2012 - May 2015). Scholars receive a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Scholarship if they attend 3 full-day teaching sessions over 3 years at the PAS meetings, and participate in other required program activities between PAS meetings. Each scholar develops an educator portfolio and receives expert feedback on it.

The centerpiece of the ESP curriculum is a **mentored project**. Each Scholar must plan and conduct a scholarly project in education, and by the end of the program, provide evidence of a successfully peer reviewed presentation or publication related to the project.

### What is the ESP?

**The Educational Scholars Program (ESP) is a faculty development program for academic pediatricians who wish to build their skills in educational scholarship. The program aims to teach Scholars how to develop, implement, evaluate and disseminate educational interventions or evaluation methods by a creative, planned and rigorous process. The interventions must be consistent with best practices in the field and reviewed by peers for excellence.**

**For more information, go to:**

[http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education\\_scholars\\_program.cfm](http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education_scholars_program.cfm)

### What do Scholars get out of the program?

- A systematic learning experience to enhance your skills as an educational scholar
- Advice on implementation of a substantial educational project
- Expert assistance with career planning and development of an educator portfolio
- Networking with a national group of like-minded academic peers
- A peer-reviewed publication or presentation to add to your curriculum vitae
- A certificate of excellence, with a letter to your supervisor

You will leave the program with valuable new knowledge and skills, a stronger CV, and a well developed educator portfolio to help with career planning and professional development, and an established network of colleagues.

### Applying to the ESP

The ESP is currently recruiting 18 scholars for its fifth cohort. Applications are welcome from **pediatric generalists, hospitalists and subspecialists who have a significant responsibility for education**, e.g.: teaching medical or PA students, pediatric or family practice residents, or fellows; evaluation design or implementation; curriculum development; faculty development. Applicants must be or become members of the Academic Pediatric Association at enrollment.

The application includes an information sheet, an agreement to participate, statements from supervisor and mentor, letters of reference, a biographical sketch and personal statement, and a project description. The applicant must submit this information electronically, as described on the application webpage. After July 1, 2011, you can find details at:

[http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education\\_scholars\\_program.cfm](http://www.academicpeds.org/education/education_scholars_program.cfm)

### Why should Pediatric Educators apply?

Successful educators not only teach, but develop, implement and evaluate curricula and innovative learning activities. They also engage in educational scholarship. Pediatric faculty have many opportunities to develop and share educational scholarship, for example:

- Developing curricula to teach educational skills to residents or faculty.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of teaching that occurs in inpatient, outpatient, and community settings.
- Enhancing education across the continuum of learning.
- Developing new strategies for optimizing the balance between education and service in residency training.

**The ESP is an ideal way to gain additional training to succeed as an educator and join a community of other dedicated educators, without doing a separate fellowship or degree program.**

### Program leadership

This ESP is sponsored by the Academic Pediatric Association, and has a faculty of 30 educators. The ESP Director is Constance D. Baldwin, Ph.D. of the University of Rochester Medical Center. Co-directors are Latha Chandran, M.D. of SUNY/Stonybrook and Maryellen Gusic, M.D. of Indiana University School of Medicine.

### 2011 Application Schedule

**July 1** Online application opens  
**Oct 1** Application submission date  
**Dec 1** Scholar list announced

#### Fees

Application fee                   **\$50**  
Tuition fee                           **\$5000**

**The tuition fee is a one time expenditure for three years of intensive educational activities, from May 2012 to May 2015. The fee is due at time of enrollment and is non-refundable.**