

Advancement to Fellow of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (FPIDS): Guidelines

What is a Fellow of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society?

This category recognizes individuals who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession. Applicants must meet the specified criteria for either the clinician/educator or academic/investigator/administrator tracks.

Applicants must be a full PIDS member for at least seven years and demonstrate sustained excellence in the profession in leadership and/or scholarship in the field of pediatric infectious diseases or a related field. There should be clear direct or indirect evidence that the applicant has achieved peer recognition as a clinician, educator, investigator, public health authority, or administrator in a field related to pediatric infectious diseases.

Becoming a Fellow of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society

Meritorious individuals who apply for fellowship after seven years of full membership will be advanced to the PIDS Board of Directors for consideration of designation as Fellow of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*. In rare circumstances, and at the discretion of the PIDS Board of Directors, an individual may be considered prior to the standard seven-year waiting period as a result of an unusual degree of productivity defined above.

**Full membership does not include those years in training. To be eligible, you must be out of fellowship training seven years or more and be a member in good standing for the last seven years.*

Criteria

Clinician/Educator Track: Clinical practice or educator in pediatric infectious diseases or related field as primary activity. Service to the profession must be significant in quality and have local, regional, or national impact as described below.

Clinician/Educator Track applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Continuing identification with the field of pediatric infectious diseases** (as Pediatric ID clinician, researcher, microbiologist, epidemiologist, pharmacologist, educator, or administrator)
- 2. National or local recognition**
 - National recognition**

Service on committees and task forces of PIDS; service on national committees addressing pediatric infectious diseases issues, e.g., those of the American Medical Association (AMA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 - Local recognition**

Evidence of local recognition could include any of the following: organization and/or participation as a teacher in local courses; and/or service as an officer for a local or state infectious diseases society; and/or documented excellence as a teacher, clinical microbiologist; and/or clinical appointment as a medical school (associate professor or higher); and/or leadership positions in hospital (e.g., related to infection control, pharmacy, and microbiology); and/or leadership in local or state public health initiatives (e.g., related to planning for bioterrorism or pandemic influenza).
- 3. Publication of work**

Significant contributions to articles in peer-reviewed journals (e.g., case reports, case series, and review articles), chapters in textbooks, and/or contributions to other publications endorsed and disseminated by hospitals or health departments provide additional evidence that applicants for fellowship, in the clinician/educator track, have met the scholarly and pedagogical expectations of a fellow.

Academic/Investigator/Administrator Track: Clinical or basic research, administration, or teaching in pediatric infectious diseases or in a related field as a primary activity. Service to the profession must be significant in quality and have local, regional, or national impact as described below.

Academic/Investigator/Administrator applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Continuing identification with the field of pediatric infectious diseases (as Pediatric ID clinician, researcher, microbiologist, epidemiologist, pharmacologist, or administrator)

2. National or local recognition

National recognition

Principal investigator or major investigator on National Institutes of Health (NIH), CDC, foundation or industry sponsored grant; PIDS committee membership; grant reviewer for NIH or other major granting agencies ; and/or invited participant in national/international meetings.

Local recognition

Evidence of local recognition could include any of the following: medical school appointment as associate professor or above; and/or documented excellence as researcher, administrator, teacher, and/or appointment as department head or head of pediatric infectious diseases division.

3. Publication of work

Five or more substantial, scholarly first-authored publications or 10 or more multi-authored publications in peer-reviewed journals; and evidence of continued productivity as a researcher and scholar since completion of training, e.g., via presentations at national/international meetings and publications.

How to Apply

The following items must be submitted by the applicant by May 15, 2024:

- 1. A completed [online FPIDS application](#).**
 - a. Nomination Letters: Two letters of support are required from two members with the FPIDS designation (see full list of names on the PIDS website).** One should be designated as the primary nominator. Both letters must indicate clearly whether the candidate is applying in the clinical/educator or academic/investigator/administrator tracks, and they should document in detail how the candidate meets the criteria.
 - b. An updated curriculum vitae.**
- 2. The application fee (\$100).** Once the online application is submitted, and invoice will be sent via email for payment.

Assessment and Approval of Applications

Applications are reviewed for approval by the PIDS Board of Directors in the summer. Acceptance letters will be emailed to each applicant after the Board of Directors Meeting.