

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.

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.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website, <https://amspdc-psdp.org>, where you can learn more about the program, our administration, past awardees and the application process. We are now accepting applications for the 2021 cohort. The application process is a two-step process that involves first, the completion of an [eligibility form](#) to ensure accurate timing of the application submission. We are accepting eligibility forms through February 1, 2020. And second, the PSDP application can be completed on our website by following this link: [PSDP Application](#). Applications are due March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020!

The PSDP is eager to increase our applicant pool and continuing to raise the bar! We are striving to get the best of the best in our program and appreciate your efforts in sharing the application information with talented young pediatricians. Thank you for your continued support of the PSDP and the unique training opportunity our program provides!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sallie R. Permar". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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