



Research Scholars Program National Advisor Job Description

About:

Research Scholars Program (RSP) scholars are generally early-stage faculty who are interested in improving their research skills and getting career mentorship. The program is three years long and provides didactic training in quantitative and qualitative methods, professional development for a career in academic pediatrics, and a mentored longitudinal research study. For the study, the scholars identify a local mentor at their own institution who can help with the day-to-day work of completing the study. We also assign national mentors who are experts either in the scholar's research topic or methodology.

National Advisors provide a broad academic overview, discuss research in their area of expertise, and discuss career development with their assigned Research Scholar. They complement and supplement the Scholar's local mentor's efforts.

Expectations for National Advisors:

1. Have regular contact with the Scholar, on average, one to two contacts per month (e.g., by email, phone, videoconference, or in person at a professional meeting) over the three years of the program. National Advisors provide a needed outside perspective on the progress of the Scholar's project and career development. They may also introduce the scholar to others working in their field of study.
2. Attend the Research Scholars Program reception at the PAS meeting.
3. If possible, meet, in person, with the Scholar at PAS or another national meeting.