



PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS
DISEASES SOCIETY

FOUNDATION

2023 End of Year
Sanofi Report

A MISSION THAT MAKES AN IMPACT

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Sanofi's support and partnership with the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society through educational resources and workforce development have been instrumental in shaping a brighter future for our specialty. Sanofi's dedication to our shared mission has not only strengthened our collaborative efforts but has also significantly contributed to the growth and success of our initiatives. Thank you for your invaluable commitment, and here's to many more years of impactful collaboration.



\$533,250

received in restricted grants
from Sanofi for programs
between 2022-2024

SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARS (SUMMERS) PROGRAM

Established in 2021 through the support of Sanofi, the PIDS Summer Research Scholars (SUMMERS) Program seeks to promote careers in pediatric infectious diseases through the funding of summer research projects of students at various levels of training.

The primary audience for this award is undergraduate and graduate/medical students.

The program provides a \$3,000 stipend to the applicant in two installments of \$1,500 (June and August).

The award is intended to support broad scholarship in pediatric infectious diseases, including basic science, translational research, clinical research, epidemiology, and quality improvement research.



21
scholars supported
in 2023

83
applications since
program inception

*as of January 2024

TESTIMONIALS

"The SUMMERS Program provided an opportunity to pursue a project I may have otherwise not been able to do."

"The support and guidance provided by the PIDS team and my mentor were invaluable to my project and my growth as an individual. This support helped me delve into research at a level I never thought possible."

"Having the structure of a summer research program with deadlines and outside requirements helped me make regular progress on my project and kept my mentor and I on track. The summer stipend was tremendously valuable as well, and Dr. Kimberlin was an excellent mentor. I am excited to present my research at IDWeek."

MEETID (MENTORED, ENGAGING, EDUCATION, & TRAINEE-FOCUSED PEDIATRIC ID) PROGRAM

The Mentored, Engaging, Education, and Trainee-focused Pediatric ID Program is intended to acquaint premedical/medical students and residents with pediatric ID through this program.

meetID provides a broad overview of pediatric infectious diseases (PID), career exploration in PID, support and resources needed to excel in science and medicine, and an opportunity to network with other trainees, faculty, and PIDS leadership. Participants have the opportunity to attend 1 of 3 meetings where PIDS plays a leading role: St. Jude/PIDS Pediatric Infectious Diseases Research Conference, PAS, or IDWeek.

Following the respective meeting, trainees will have an opportunity to re-engage virtually throughout the year with various PID leaders, who serve as mentors providing guidance and support.

Diversity is highly desired, with a particular focus on those who identify as underrepresented in medicine (UIM) and first-generation college students.

meetID MENTORED,
ENGAGING,
EDUCATIONAL,
TRAINEE-FOCUSED
An Exploration of Careers in Pediatric ID

Provided funding for **30 residents, medical students, and pre-medical students in 2023.**

133

applications since
program inception

*as of January 2024

TESTIMONIALS

"The program has reinforced my desire to pursue a career in infectious diseases, and I hope to give back to the community that has supported my career journey so far."

"meetID was a platform for me to connect with the broader Pediatrics Infectious Diseases community beyond my usual institutional boundaries. The event helped me engage with representatives from Pediatrics Infectious Diseases fellowship programs, gaining valuable insights into their training philosophies and establishing connections that may shape my future career."

HEALTH DISPARITIES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The PIDS Health Disparities Fellowship Award – supported by Sanofi – provides funds to trainees in an accredited pediatric infectious diseases fellowship program. The objective of the fellowship award is to advance research that focuses on addressing and eliminating health disparities related to pediatric infectious diseases. The award will provide \$50,000 each year of the two year-term.

Research proposals must be related to understanding the causes of disparities or testing interventions intended to eliminate them. They may focus on:

- pathophysiology
- epidemiology
- prevention
- diagnosis
- patient access to or quality of care
- treatment
- patient outcomes of an infectious disease or associated with a health difference that is closely linked with economic, social or environmental disadvantage

\$220,000

in total funding provided by Sanofi

2 scholars awarded with a 1-year \$50K award remaining

“ I cannot overstate the impact that the Health Disparities Fellowship Award has had on my development as a clinical researcher and on my career trajectory. . . Without this award (and notably the amount of support), I would not have had the protected time and resources to successfully conduct this study. . . I am extremely excited about this next chapter in my career. This is a position for which I am uniquely qualified for—with much of those qualifications coming from the rich experiences made possible to me with the Health Disparities Fellowship Award.

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RESEARCH IN ACADEMIC PEDIATRICS INITIATIVE ON DIVERSITY (RAPID)

PIDS has partnered with the **American Pediatric Association** for the Research in Academic Pediatrics Initiative on Diversity (RAPID) funding cycle to support two young scholars dedicated to the treatment, control and eradication of infectious diseases affecting children. Funds will be available to support up to \$15,000 per selected Scholar to complete a one-year research project, receive mentoring by senior expert investigators, and attend the the RAPID Conference.

RAPID Research Grants target early career scholars (fellows and junior faculty) who identify as underrepresented in medicine (UIM), disabled, or from a socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged background, and who are committed to a career in academic general pediatrics.



ACADEMIC
PEDIATRIC
ASSOCIATION

\$74,300

**in total funding
provided by Sanofi**

“*Being a RAPID scholar was a transformative experience for me. Far beyond the financial support, the mentorship from senior expert investigators, who are genuinely invested in my success, has been an invaluable asset. Besides the academic benefits, the RAPID program enabled me to interact with fellow scholars from various backgrounds, leading to lasting friendships and collaborations that I know will endure long after the program ends. It's a journey I'll always cherish and recommend.*

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COMPREHENSIVE VACCINE EDUCATION PROGRAM (CVEP)



COMPREHENSIVE
VACCINE
EDUCATION
PROGRAM

The Comprehensive Vaccine Education Program—From Training to Practice is a combined educational offering to help combat vaccine misinformation and address vaccine hesitancy in two ways.

- Enhancing vaccine knowledge and confidence in having discussions with patients and parents through a web-based educational curriculum (CoVER)
- Enhancing access for medical providers to reliable, up-to-date and accurate vaccine information through The Vaccine Handbook App (TVH App)

The Collaboration for Vaccine Education and Research (CoVER) was established in order to enhance vaccine education that will increase healthcare professionals' knowledge and competency for communicating with patients and patients' families about vaccination. The CoVER curriculum consists of 19 online modules online modules.

Registration is **FREE**.

\$100,000

**Total funding
provided by Sanofi
in 2022**



Collaboration for Vaccine Education & Research

JOURNAL OF THE PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY (JPIDS) SUPPLEMENT

The Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS) published 'Eliminating Health Disparities,' a supplement issue featuring five articles on past, current and future diversity and inclusion topics affecting pediatric infectious diseases (ID). The collection focuses the spotlight on both the makeup of the pediatric ID workforce and the diverse populations the specialty serves.

The supplement articles are:

- Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Pediatric Infectious Diseases Workforce
- Historical Perspective of Pediatric Health Disparities in Infectious Diseases: Centuries in the Making
- Race, Ethnicity, and Health Disparities in US Children With COVID-19: A Review of the Evidence and Recommendations for the Future
- Pediatric COVID-19 Health Disparities and Vaccine Equity
- Strategies to Increase Workforce Diversity in Pediatric Infectious Diseases

The supplement and articles remain available through open access from the JPIDS site through Oxford University of Press. Since publication, the supplement has received over 4,397 full text downloads.



\$33,000

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provided by Sanofi**

“ We are excited to share this important work achieved through the collective effort of the PIDS IDA&E Taskforce and PIDS community. Through the lens of the COVID-19 pandemic, the included articles highlight the work needed to eliminate health disparities in pediatric infectious diseases – including diversifying our workforce. There is much work to be done and we hope that our pediatric and ID colleagues will find the information useful leading to a constructive dialogue and ultimately meaningful and long-term change.

Anthony Flores MD, MPH, PhD, FPIDS,
PIDS IDA&E Taskforce Chair

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SANOFI'S INVESTMENT IN PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIELD

Sanofi's commitment to pediatric infectious diseases is leaving a profound mark on the field, as highlighted in this report compiled by the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) Foundation.

Through substantial support for career exploration programs, Sanofi is actively contributing to the cultivation of dedicated and qualified physician-scientists for the future. PIDS is excited about the expansion of our career exploration initiatives, made possible in part by Sanofi's funding.

Sanofi's investment in pediatric infectious diseases goes beyond enhancing healthcare for children; it is instrumental in shaping the trajectory of medicine. By championing career exploration programs, Sanofi is nurturing the growth of adept physician-scientists who are committed to making a positive impact in the field. In collaboration with PIDS, Sanofi is actively broadening not only career exploration programs, but supporting vaccine education curriculum, and addressing health disparities globally

Together, Sanofi and PIDS are making a significant and lasting difference in the field of pediatric infectious diseases, contributing to a brighter and healthier future for children worldwide.



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