

**Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society and Pediatric Committee on Antimicrobial Stewardship
'Antimicrobial Stewardship Trainee Award'**

Application Deadline: May 15th , 2026 (11:59 PM Pacific Time)

The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) and its Pediatric Committee on Antimicrobial Stewardship (PCAS) are now accepting applications for the 2026 cycle of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Trainee Award.

The goal of this training award is to support the development of future researchers in pediatric antimicrobial stewardship by providing mentorship to complete a scholarly project in a timely manner during clinical or research training. Applicants may propose a research study that focuses on any aspect of antimicrobial stewardship. The project should be able to be completed in one year (by May 2027) and presented at the Pediatric Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference in St. Louis in May 2027. Well-designed quality improvement projects with robust methods that would meet criteria for publication will also be considered. Projects spanning more than one year will be considered if a portion of the project that answers a specific research question can be completed within the year timeframe. Applicants should specify what portions of the project will be presented at the ASP conference. Applicants wishing to discuss a project proposal pre-submission may email pids@idsociety.org.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be enrolled in a training program, which can encompass any number of disciplines, such as medical residency or fellowship, pharmacy residency, or graduate education.
- Interested applicants from fields or programs not specified above are encouraged to contact PIDS to discuss eligibility at pids@idsociety.org.
- Applicants must be PIDS members prior to application.

Support:

- The award provides external mentorship for the proposed project to supplement the awardee's local mentorship. The PCAS Antimicrobial Stewardship Fellowship Award Subcommittee will work with awardees and their mentor(s) to identify an appropriate external mentor. These mentors are typically PIDS members with experience in antimicrobial stewardship research, but this is not required. The goal is to identify a mentor who will complement the expertise of the awardee's existing mentorship team to enhance the quality and success of the awardee's proposed project.
- The award provides funding to cover travel, lodging, and conference expenses for the May 2027 Pediatric Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference in St. Louis, where awardees will present their work. Only travel originating in North America will be covered; applicants from training programs in other locations are welcomed to apply but must cover travel expenses to North America.

Application and Selection Process

Applicants will submit their application through the PIDS website. Applications from eligible candidates will be reviewed by the PCAS Antimicrobial Stewardship Fellowship Award Subcommittee. Applications will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed project (including quality of the methods and significance of the study question), the candidate's promise as a future antimicrobial stewardship researcher, the feasibility of the project, and the experience of the mentor in supporting trainee research. Junior faculty mentors are encouraged to support trainees in collaboration with established investigators.

Applicants will receive award decisions and feedback from the subcommittee by early June 2026. Announcement of the awardees will be made at IDWeek in October 2026.

Applications for this award must include the following items:

1. Completed application form (via PIDS website)

A single PDF file containing the following items in the order listed below:

2. Candidate information (0.5 page limit)
 - Discuss future career goals and how this award will help achieve these goals
3. Proposal (2 page limit, excluding references) – **be sure to clearly state the question being answered by this project**
 - Applicant's name and project title in the header
 - A statement of hypotheses and specific aims, or if performing a quality improvement study, SMART aim (including measures)
 - Research or quality improvement approach, including methods, analysis plan, and power/sample size considerations, as appropriate.
4. Project timeline – specify milestones for project completion and what portion will be presented at the ASP conference (0.5 page limit)
5. Letter of support/commitment from primary research mentor
 - Comment on applicant's potential success as a researcher and/or future leader in pediatric antimicrobial stewardship and feasibility of project plan/timeline
6. Applicant's CV
7. Mentor's CV

The application form and the single PDF containing items 2-7 above must be submitted through the website portal by **11:59 PM Pacific Time on May 15th, 2026.**