Overview
The George Donnell Society for Pediatric Scientists is dedicated to improving the health of children by training pediatric physician scientists to perform innovative and high-quality research. The Society will provide mentorship, infrastructure and a community for pediatric scientists in training. The Society will choose one or more Donnell Scholar(s) each year, who will be further supported to facilitate establishing a career as a pediatric physician scientist.

Website
www.chla.org/DonnellSociety

Eligibility
Any prospective pediatric intern invited to interview with the pediatric residency program at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is eligible to apply for the Donnell Scholar Program.

Interview Dates: Prospective Scholars should only complete this supplemental application if they are invited for an interview by the CHLA Pediatric Residency Program. Donnell candidates will participate in a two-day interview at CHLA, with one date being one of the dates below, for research-specific Donnell interviews. The other day will be an adjacent Tuesday or Thursday for interviews with the Pediatric Residency Office.

- November 6, 2019
- December 4, 2019
- December 13, 2019
- January 17, 2020

Fellowship Guidelines
1. Accepted Donnell Scholars are guaranteed admission into the subspecialty fellowship of their choice, pending satisfactory performance during residency. Scholars may change their subspecialty choice during residency, but admission into the new choice will not be guaranteed.

2. An individual development plan (IDP) will be developed for each Scholar, in consultation with the Scholar, Mentor, Fellowship Director and the Donnell Steering Committee.

3. Scholars will be awarded a travel and education allowance to attend one national conference per year throughout residency and fellowship.

4. The Donnell Society will support 50 percent of Scholar’s stipend for two years of their clinical subspecialty fellowship. This support will occur during fellowship years when at least 50 percent of their efforts will focus on research (usually, the second and third years).

5. The Donnell Scholar’s research mentor will receive a $10,000 annual stipend during two of the subspecialty fellowship research years, to help defray the cost of training.
To apply for the Donnell Program, please provide the following information as one PDF document:

1. Name

2. Degree(s)/School(s)

3. In one to two paragraphs, describe your fellowship and career plans. Please also specify which fellowship you are planning to pursue. Below is the list of participating fellowship programs participating in the Donnell program:
   - Adolescent Medicine
   - Cardiology
   - Critical Care Medicine
   - General Pediatrics
   - Emergency Medicine
   - Pediatric Endocrinology
   - Epilepsy
   - Gastroenterology
   - Hematology-Oncology
   - Infectious Diseases
   - Pulmonology
   - Rheumatology
   - Transplant Hepatology

Visit [www.chla.org/fellowships](http://www.chla.org/fellowships) for details about these programs.
(Note that we understand your interests may evolve. We ask for this information only so that we can ensure that you have a chance to speak with the Program Director of the appropriate fellowship.) Please do not select more than two fellowships with which to interview.

4. In one or two paragraphs, describe your research experience.

5. Provide a list of your peer-reviewed publications (not including meeting abstracts). For each publication, describe in one or two sentences your role on the study and the study's importance to the field.

6. Provide a brief list of some non-research related accomplishments. For example, “play the guitar,” “captain of high school football team,” etc.

7. Provide two letters of recommendation that comment on your academic and research potential. If you would like to use letters that were included in your residency application, please list their names and state “Included in residency application.”

8. We will review your application and assemble a meeting agenda for you at CHLA and USC, based on your interests. Please list any faculty you would like to meet. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Email completed applications to tecpad@chla.usc.edu by 4-6 weeks before your scheduled interview date.

Please contact us with any questions.

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