

Dear APSA Member,

### **[Save the Date: APSA 2018 Annual Meeting](#)**

Mark your calendar for APSA's 14th Annual Meeting, to be held **[April 20-22, 2018, in Chicago!](#)**

**Theme:** Healthy aging/longevity & genomics

**Date:** April 20-22, 2018

**Location:** Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park, Chicago, IL

More information about registration, travel, accommodations, and program to come. Stay tuned!

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### **[Undergraduate Mentorship Program](#)**

Mentee and Mentor Applications Available Online for 6 weeks beginning on **[August 14th](#)** (Exclusive Award Opportunities for Participating Mentors and Waived Membership for Undergraduate Participating Mentees!)

One of the goals of APSA is to provide opportunities for physician scientists in training to gain valuable insights into skills needed for their future careers, including trainee mentorship. The goal of this program is to connect APSA professional (MD, DO, MD/PhD, and DO/PhD) students with undergraduates who are interested in careers as physician-scientists in one-on-one mentor-mentee relationships. After applying, an undergraduate student will be paired with an APSA professional student who is in a course of study in which the undergraduate has an interest. To encourage both undergraduate and professional student participation in this program, undergraduates enrolled in this program will receive **[free Undergraduate APSA Membership](#)** for the 2017-2018 year (contingent on questionnaire completion). Professional student mentors will have the opportunity to win Best Mentor Awards and prizes, including Amazon Gift Cards, sponsored by APSA National.

Please encourage as many of your professional student colleagues, undergraduate students, and local pre-medical and undergraduate department counselors to take advantage of this highly rewarding program while applications are available!

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### **[Streamlined Application Process for Local Chapters](#)**

APSA encourages trainees to form Local Chapters (LCs) of APSA, institution-specific groups affiliated with APSA National, but more tailored to the needs of the physician scientist training community at a given program. Based on recommendations from trainees, we have recently streamlined and simplified our applications process for National Recognition of Local Chapters of APSA at home institutions, and open to undergraduates interested in forming their own Local Chapter of APSA.

APSA encourages trainees to form Local Chapters of APSA, institution-specific groups affiliated with APSA National, but more tailored to the needs of the physician scientist training community at a given program. Local Chapters often organize science-themed and professional development outreach programs for their community, and can even apply for financial support from APSA National. We have recently streamlined and simplified our applications process for National Recognition of Local Chapters of APSA at home institutions, and open to undergraduates interested in forming their own Local Chapter of APSA. National Recognition conveys a number of benefits, including exclusive opportunities for event sponsorship, Medstro Forum access, among other benefits. Please visit **[our application page](#)** for more details about the changes to the applications process and incredible opportunities that are available exclusively to LCs, and please feel free to e-mail **[localchapters@physicianscientists.org](mailto:localchapters@physicianscientists.org)** with any additional questions.

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### **[APSA Institutional Membership Price Packages and Program](#)**

APSA Institutional Membership Packages offer considerable savings (in addition to a waiver for the registration

costs for 3 trainees to attend the Annual Meeting) to programs interested in purchasing individual APSA Memberships for their students in bulk. Please talk to your program directors today to take advantage of the considerable savings offered!

APSA Membership dues contribute directly towards the development of new resources for our trainee cohorts, and APSA Institutional Memberships (IM) are an excellent opportunity to both support the organization and its purpose, as well as enable as many trainees as possible to take advantage of the resources provided by our organization. This program offers considerable savings when purchasing multiple annual memberships in bulk, and offers program the flexibility of purchasing membership packages tailored to the size of the program and for multiple years for easier administration, all at increased savings! Additionally, programs with an IM in good standing receive a voucher for 3 trainees' registrations costs for the APSA/ASCI/AAP Annual Meeting in Chicago (>\$225 value), and programs with active local chapters receive an additional 15% discount on top of the savings they would ordinarily receive. Check out the list of IM prices options and program savings [here](#). Please encourage your program directors to consider purchasing an Institutional Membership on behalf of you and your colleagues. Curious if your program already has an IM? Please feel free to contact [IM@physicianscientists.org](mailto:IM@physicianscientists.org) at any time with questions or for more information about this price saving membership option for trainees at your institute!

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## **[Registration for Regional Meetings](#)**

### **[Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium \(SEMSS\)](#)**

The annual Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium (SEMSS) will be hosted by Emory University on **November 18-19, 2017** in Atlanta, GA.

[Abstract submissions](#) and [registration](#) are now open and Early Bird prices apply until **September 1st**. All MD/PhD, MD, PhD, and undergraduate students are invited to attend, along with physician-scientist residents, fellows, and faculty. The conference includes [keynote speakers](#) from the NIH and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, as well as increased networking and oral presentation opportunities. [Travel awards are also available for undergraduates](#).

### **[Northeast Regional Meeting](#)**

APSA Northeast Regional Meeting will take place at the University of Rochester on **October 7, 2017**. The University of Rochester School of Medicine MD/PhD Program will host the 2017 APSA NE Regional meeting in conjunction with the annual Upstate NY MD/PhD Program conference. Registration is open to all current and prospective MD/PhD students with a special invitation to attendees from the University at Buffalo, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the University of Rochester, continuing the tradition of the annual tri-institutional research day. Keynote speakers include Robin Lorenz, MD, PhD, Professor of Pathology, Associate Dean for Physician Scientist Development, University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Michael Potchen, MD, Professor of Imaging Sciences, University of Rochester School of Medicine. Registration will open shortly!

### **[2017 West Regional Meeting](#)**

The 2017 West Regional Meeting will take place at UC Irvine on **December 2, 2017**. Registration will open soon!

**Please join the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine, the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and Caltech for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual APSA West Regional Meeting:** a conference for anyone interested in the Medical Sciences. Whether you are an Undergraduate, Graduate, or Medical Student, we invite you to come and share your research. This conference will be held **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017** on the UCI campus in Irvine, California. We strongly encourage students at all phases of their training to submit an application to present [a poster or an oral abstract](#). Experimental overviews and preliminary data will be considered. **Registration will open August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us on [Facebook](#) for more details.

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## **[Face of the Physician Scientist Trainee](#)**

Everyone's story is unique and captivating and physician-scientist trainees are no exception. APSA wants to highlight the amazing breadth of stories and research being done by trainees across the country in a new program called the Face of the Physician Scientist Trainee. Send us a photo of yourself (whether it be science-related or doing some other interest like a hobby, favorite activity, or just being goofy), along with two paragraphs about your story and current research, so we could highlight and feature them on our website. Interested? E-mail your

responses to [Vadim Yerokhin](#)

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## **September Interactive Session: Navigating Residency Applications**

September's interactive session will feature residency directors, who will offer advice and answer questions to those applying to residency programs. Stay tuned for details!

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**Sincerely,**

**The American Physician Scientists Association (APSA)**

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[The American Physician Scientists Association \(APSA\)](#) is dedicated to addressing the needs of future physician scientists with a focus on training and career development. APSA focuses its priorities in the four pillars of mentoring, networking, outreach, and resources.

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