

Dear APSA Member,

### [The 2017 APSA Presidential Address](#)

Check out the [Presidential Address](#) by our immediate past president, Alexander J. Adami, which was just published with [The Journal of Clinical Investigation](#). Alex shares the lessons he learned throughout his 7-year tenure with APSA, and describes the pivotal role of APSA in shaping the future of the physician-scientists' community. Here is an excerpt:

*"In July and December of 2016, APSA's senior leadership participated in the final two workshops on the physician-scientist convened by Francis Collins, director of the NIH. In February 2017, APSA represented trainees at the Research Pathway Directors Meeting of the AAIM, giving voice to your needs and concerns as directors of physician-scientist training programs sought to strengthen and expand them...New NIH initiatives discussed during these meetings, including a K99/R00 career development award tailored to physician-scientists, are already appearing (8), and other proposals in the pipeline will soon be outlined in a formal publication by the organizers of the NIH workshops...**Our country, and the whole of humanity, needs a strong pipeline of physician-scientists to continue to make advances in our understanding of human health and disease, and I look forward to watching APSA play an important part in strengthening that pipeline.**"*

Read [the rest of the article](#) on the JCI's website. Encourage your fellow trainees to [register for APSA membership](#), to take on [leadership positions with APSA](#) and to take part in shaping the future of medical research!

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### [Undergraduate Mentorship Program](#)

Mentee and Mentor Applications Available Online until **October 31st** (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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### [Rheumatology Future Physician Scientist Award](#)

The Rheumatology Research Foundation Future Physician Scientist Award offers a two year \$60,000 award to promising MD/PhD students interested in Rheumatology. Applications for this award are due December 1st and can be found on the [foundation's website!](#)

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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. 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. 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.

### **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. Please join us on [Facebook](#) for more details.

### **Midwest Regional Meeting**

Save the date! The APSA Midwest Regional Meeting will take place on **January 13, 2018** at Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa.

### **South Regional Meeting**

The M.D./Ph.D. Program at U.T. (University of Texas) Health San Antonio will host the 2018 APSA South Regional Meeting in San Antonio, TX. on **Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Registration is open to all current and prospective M.D./Ph.D. students. This year's South Regional Meeting, which will include several keynote scientific and career development talks, student poster presentations from many different institutions and departments, and hot-topic break-out sessions. Come join the fun this January! If you have any questions, please contact Raehannah Jamshidi, Ph.D., at [jamshidi@livemail.uthscsa.edu](mailto:jamshidi@livemail.uthscsa.edu).

## **Promote Your Research**

Did you publish an article? APSA would like to promote the work done by Physician Scientist Trainees. Let us know about papers you've published that we can promote on social media! [Submit a form](#) and we'll get the word out!

## **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](mailto:Vadim.Yerokhin@apsa.org)

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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