

Enhancing Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Training Through a Scholarship Oversight Committee

2026 ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY PROGRAM DIRECTORS ASSEMBLY WINTER MEETING
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Agenda Overview

- Role and Purpose of a Scholarship Oversight Committee
- Children's Hospital Colorado Experience
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Experience

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ACGME A/I Fellowship FAQs

- The program and faculty must create an environment that fosters the acquisition of such skills through resident participation in scholarly activities.
- Scholarly activities may include discovery, integration, application, and teaching.

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ACGME A/I Fellowship FAQs

- **Program Responsibilities:** The program must demonstrate evidence of scholarly activities consistent with its mission(s) and aims.
 - The program, in partnership with its Sponsoring Institution, must allocate adequate resources to facilitate resident and faculty involvement in scholarly activities.
 - The program must advance residents' knowledge and practice of the scholarly approach to evidence-based patient care.

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ACGME A/I Fellowship Defined Indicators of Scholarly Activity

- Peer-reviewed grant funding
- Publication of original research papers in a peer-reviewed journal
- Published abstract
- Oral or poster research presentation at a meeting
- Dissemination of knowledge as evidenced by review articles or chapters in textbooks
- Publication or presentation of case reports or clinical series at local, regional, or national professional and scientific society meetings
- Publication or presentation of quality improvement or safety projects
- Other scholarly discussions (presenting at journal club, presenting at grand rounds, etc.)
- Production of educational materials or development of courses
- Educational leadership
- Doing peer-review of journal manuscripts
- Other leadership roles

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Role and Purpose of a Scholarship Oversight Committee

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ABP Overview of SOC

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Review of scholarly activity and the written work product will occur at the local level. Each fellow must have a Scholarship Oversight Committee.

The Scholarship Oversight Committee should consist of three or more individuals, at least one of whom is based outside the subspecialty discipline; the fellowship program director may serve as a trainee's mentor and participate in the activities of the oversight committee, but should not be a standing (i.e., voting) member.

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ABP Overview of SOC

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- Determine whether a specific activity is appropriate to meet the ABP guidelines for scholarly activity
- Determine a course of preparation beyond the core fellowship curriculum to ensure successful completion of the project
- Evaluate the fellow's progress as related to scholarly activity
- Meet with the fellow early in the training period and regularly thereafter
- Require the fellow to present/defend the project related to his/her scholarly activity
- Advise the program director on the fellow's progress and assess whether the fellow has satisfactorily met the guidelines associated with the requirement for active participation in scholarly activities

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DEFINING THE SCHOLARSHIP OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Committee Purpose

The committee is responsible for monitoring and guiding scholarly activities within the fellowship.

This is another layer of mentorship within a program.

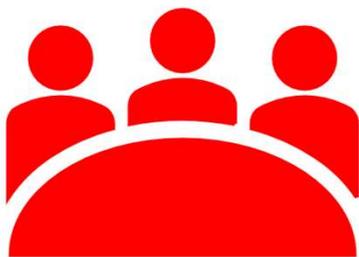
Ensuring Alignment

It ensures that research aligns with the fellowship's educational goals, professional goals, and academic standards.

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STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMITTEE COMPOSITION



Committee Members

The committee consists of faculty members, research mentors, and program leaders to guide initiatives.

Expertise and Oversight

Diverse experts ensure comprehensive oversight and mentorship within the committee.

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FACILITATING INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

Enhancing Research Quality

Cross-specialty partnerships improve research outcomes through diverse expertise and innovative approaches.

Broadening Academic Perspectives

Interdisciplinary interaction expands fellows' knowledge and fosters holistic academic growth.

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GUIDANCE ON RESEARCH PROJECT SELECTION AND DESIGN

Selecting Impactful Topics

Committee supports fellows in identifying research topics with significant scientific and social relevance.

Designing Robust Studies

Assistance is provided in creating research designs that ensure scientific rigor and educational value.

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PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION

Actionable Feedback

The committee provides specific, practical suggestions to improve academic and training outcomes.

Enhancing Scholarship Quality

Feedback aims to elevate the quality of fellows' and faculty's scholarly work and research.

Improving Training Experience

Evaluation efforts focus on enriching the training environment and learning processes for all participants.

Timely Project Completion

Regular monitoring ensures projects are completed on time by addressing issues promptly.

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Promoting Academic Excellence and Research

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MENTORSHIP FOR SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Research Skill Development

Mentorship helps fellows acquire essential skills for designing and conducting effective research projects.

Manuscript Writing Support

Mentors assist fellows in mastering the structure and clarity needed for scholarly manuscript writing.

Effective Presentation Skills

Mentorship fosters skills in presenting research findings clearly and confidently to diverse audiences.

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Ensuring Program Compliance and Quality Standards

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MEETING ACCREDITATION AND INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Oversight Role

Oversight ensures scholarly activities meet accreditation and institutional standards consistently.

Accrediting Criteria

Accrediting bodies establish criteria that scholarly work must fulfill for recognition and quality assurance.

Institutional Policies

Institutional policies guide compliance and align scholarly activities with organizational goals and regulations.

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Supporting Fellow Development and Career Advancement

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INDIVIDUALIZED CAREER AND ACADEMIC GUIDANCE

Tailored Career Advice

Personalized guidance supports fellows in aligning their career paths with their academic pursuits and ambitions.

Academic Alignment

Strategic advice ensures scholarly work reflects and supports long-term academic and career objectives.

Advise the program director

Share the fellow's progress and assess whether the fellow has satisfactorily met the guidelines associated with the requirement for active participation in scholarly activities

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Children's
Hospital
Colorado
Experience

- Implemented in 2018
- Goals:
 - Make sure fellows are meeting expectations for graduation
 - Ensure projects are appropriate for their level of training and have adequate support

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Children's Hospital Colorado Experience

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- SOC Members:
 - Program Leadership
 - Select faculty with expertise in research
 - Mentor of individual fellow
 - Do not have a standing faculty member from outside A/I
- Format
 - Meet 2x/year (January/May)
 - Fellows present individually for 20 minutes
 - Scheduled during regular academic half day
 - Fellows provided a standard format
 - Focus on future directions and questions for the SOC
 - Do not vote (different from ABP)

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Children's Hospital Colorado Experience

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- Tips
 - Provide a standard format for all fellows
 - Mentor to review presentation prior to SOC
 - SOC committee to review content prior to meeting
 - Provide expectations for faculty on SOC
 - Fellows have separate scholarly/QI presentations to all faculty and fellows

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OSU/NCH Experience

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- Implemented in 2021
 - Slow process solidifying SOCs into our program
 - Working with our coordinator to streamline the process so the scheduling occurs regularly twice a year.
- Goals:
 - Make sure fellows are meeting expectations for graduation
 - Ensure projects are appropriate for their level of training and have adequate rigor and support
 - Layer of mentorship for trainees
 - Also help with career counseling

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Nationwide Children's Hospital Experience

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Tips and Format: Very similar to
Children's Hospital Colorado!

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SOC Member Expectations



OSU/NCH Allergy Fellowship Scholarship Oversight Committee Member Expectations

- Commitment for duration of the fellow's training (2 years)
- Attendance at all SOC's (2 meetings per year- dates depend on the year of the fellow)
 - If unable to attend, please provide chair and fellow with at least one week notice
- Provide guidance on projects to further the scholarly work of the fellow
 - Is the scope of the project(s) reasonable for a fellow?
 - Does the research project provide a meaningful research experience for the fellow?
 - Does the research project make a meaningful contribution to medicine/field of A/I?
 - Suggestions for study design and data analysis
- Provide suggestions for journals and conferences appropriate for submission for the project(s)
- Provide career development advice
 - Consider how the fellow's projects support the fellow's short term and long term career goals
 - May include reviewing fellow's CV, offering wisdom on job search process, etc.
- Not every member expected to serve as a mentor for projects but may do so if agreed upon by fellow and faculty member
- Encouraged to be available for emails or brief meetings about projects, particularly during project design phase but should not be expected to provide routine, continual support, or edit abstract submissions or manuscripts.
- Encouraged to attend presentations for fellow's work as feasible

I have read the above and agree to complete this to the best of my ability.

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Nationwide Children's Hospital Experience
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Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Program Scholarship Oversight Committee

Fellow: _____

Date of Meeting: _____

SOC Members in Attendance:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Committee assessment

Is fellow progressing appropriately: YES ___ NO ___

Explain (please include [or attach] abstracts, presentations, manuscripts, since prior review):

Signatures of attendees:

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Conclusion

Structured Oversight

The committee ensures a well-organized framework for Allergy and Immunology fellowship training programs.

Promoting Research Excellence

Encourages high-quality research and innovation within fellowship programs to advance the field.

Ensuring Compliance

Monitors adherence to ethical and educational standards to maintain program integrity and quality.

Supporting Career Development

Provides guidance and resources to foster fellows' professional growth and future success.

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