



## Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship Sponsored by Preventech 2023 – 2024 Call for Applications

### Description and History

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and past-president Dr. Paul S. Casamassimo initially created this opportunity for pediatric dental residents and early career pediatric dentists to conduct policy research addressing one of the priority areas identified by the AAPD Research and Policy Center (RPC) Advisory Board and approved by the AAPD Board of Trustees. The fellowship is supported by Preventech, Inc.

### Fellowship Goals

- Conduct oral health policy and/or health services research that advances children's oral health and supports AAPD public policy initiatives at the national, state, local, and international levels with legislatures, government agencies, professional associations, and other non-governmental organizations
- Participate in AAPD leadership and advocacy activities that advance children's oral health and public understanding of pediatric dentistry
- Produce and present a timely and high-quality policy analysis on a critical issue impacting children's oral health within the Harris Fellowship year, as either a peer-reviewed journal article or a policy brief
- Acquire leadership skills to better advocate for children post-fellowship.

### Applicant Qualifications

Pediatric dental residents and pediatric dentists in their first five years post-residency are eligible to apply for the Samuel Harris Fellowship. Applicants must:

- Complete and submit the attached application prior to the deadline date
- Identify and seek participation of a mentor with requisite skills to ensure completion of a quality product
- Propose a project or activity that will:
  - meet the goals and strategic directions of the AAPD and the RPC
  - be achievable in the fellowship year
- Attend required activities as designated in the fellowship agreement
- Be a member of the AAPD

## How to Apply

Applications are available online at <https://www.aapd.org/resources/member/awards-and-fellowships/>. (On the AAPD website [www.aapd.org](http://www.aapd.org), navigate to Resources ▾ Member ▾ Awards and Fellowships.) The RPC annually accepts applications. **The deadline to apply is March 24, 2023.** Applications must be submitted by e-mail to [cconte@aapd.org](mailto:cconte@aapd.org) with subject line [“Harris Fellowship Application.”](#)

## Fellowship Benefits and Commitments

Travel expenses are reimbursed for any required meetings. The RPC and the candidate selected will agree upon exact fellowship dates. If the candidate selected is enrolled in a residency program, the dates may be made in consultation with the program director. A cash stipend may also be made available.

The Fellow must attend the following meetings and events as funding permits:

- RPC Advisory Board meeting during the AAPD Board of Trustees’ Winter Planning Meeting (typically in January)
- AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC (typically in March)
- AAPD Annual Session (May at the conclusion of the fellowship year)  
Presentation of research or project to the AAPD Board of Trustees
  - AAPD General Assembly

To receive more information, please contact Ms. Clare Conte at [cconte@aapd.org](mailto:cconte@aapd.org) or by phone at 773.938.4857

The AAPD gratefully acknowledges its sponsor



For the Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship



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**Personal Information**

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Office or Program Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Office or Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Education & Training** (attach along a current curriculum vitae along with the application)

Name of Pediatric Dentistry Program \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation or anticipated graduation date from pediatric dentistry residency program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dental School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a member of the AAPD Yes  No

**Interest in Program**

Why do you want to participate in this fellowship program and what do you hope to gain from the experience? (250 word limit)

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## Proposed Research Project Topic(s)

The proposed research topic must relate to the [research agenda of the AAPD](#) and its Research and Policy Center. Be as detailed as needed for determination of project relevance, but limit your response to no more than two (2) pages.

## Pertinent activity and experience with the AAPD and / or other organizations

Please list any professional positions / activities in which you have served or have agreed to serve in the future.

Organization	Position or Office	Years(s)
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### Reminder:

The application must be accompanied by three (3) letters attesting to the applicant's ability to comply with the fellowship requirements. One of the three must be from the proposed mentor and include his or her qualifications and readiness to ensure compliance with the fellowship requirements. If the applicant is currently in a residency program and intends to participate during that program, one of the three letters must be from the program director attesting to the applicant's availability to: 1) attend required meetings and sessions; and 2) the ability to meet other fellowship requirements that may occur during the applicant's training program.

## Activities/Requirements of Program

The fellow will participate in the following activities:

- Attend selected AAPD's major governance or advocacy activities: Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference (including congressional visits), select meetings of the AAPD Board of Trustees and RPC Research and Policy Center, as well as meetings of other councils, committees, or task forces when applicable and funding permits.
- Contribute material, where appropriate and applicable, to the AAPD website and AAPD publications.
- Attend the AAPD Annual Session at the conclusion of the fellowship year for a presentation to the Board of Trustees and recognition at the General Assembly.

I understand the following requirements of the program and will comply with these requirements if selected:

- Complete a project on a topic mutually agreed upon by AAPD and fellow.
- Participate in the planning and implementation of AAPD activities during the program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_