

A Radiology Resident's Guide to Applying for Pediatric Radiology Fellowship

R1

- Join the SPR – free for residents and fellows: <https://www.spr.org/membership-information>
- Follow #pedsrad, SPR, and individual pediatric radiologists on X and Instagram for current happenings and to connect with others
- Attend interdisciplinary conferences while on Pediatric Radiology rotation
- Reach out to pediatric radiologists at your institution or from the list* to establish a connection and ask for advice
- Get involved with research projects for potential presentation and publication in later years
- Submit an interesting pediatric radiology case to SPR's Unknown Case contest <https://www.spr.org/news/current%20case>

R2

- Prepare an educational exhibit or scientific abstract for the SPR annual meeting
- Explore educational content on SPR XPress <https://myedu.spr.org/catalog>
- Submit an interesting pediatric radiology case to *ACR Case-In-Point* <https://cortex.acr.org/CiP/>
- Consider spending some time with the sonographers getting hands-on experience with pediatric ultrasound (neonatal head, appendix, intussusception, pylorus, malrotation)
- Volunteer for an SPR committee (open call for volunteers in early spring)

R3

- Schedule Pediatric Radiology rotations in the July-October timeframe
- Attend the Pediatric Radiology interest evening at AIRP
- Develop a personal statement for fellowship applications
- Request letters of recommendation (Program Director and at least 1 pediatric radiologist you have worked with)
- Attend virtual open houses and other fellowship program events
- Send application packet to programs (November-December)
- Interviews in January (following SCARD embargo), offers typically sent out the same week
 - If you need more time to decide, ask the programs

R4

- Consider planning a mini fellowship in Pediatric Radiology if offered by a residency program
- Attend SPR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course
- Register for virtual Slovis Course webinars hosted by the SPR Career Development & Professionalism Committee monthly during the academic calendar year
- Consider reaching out to potential jobs - some may even interview/offer before fellowship (visit the SPR Career Center - <https://spr.associationcareernetwork.com/Common/HomePage.aspx> - to view current opportunities)
- Prepare and lead an educational pediatric radiology conference for junior residents

Resources

- *Contact Shannon Farmakis (<https://twitter.com/SFarmakisMD>, send a direct message) if interested in speaking to a private or hybrid practice pediatric radiologist about the job market, practice types, etc.
- X links: <https://twitter.com/SocPedRad>, <https://twitter.com/PedRadJournal>, <https://twitter.com/pedsimaging>
- Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/SocPedRad/>
- Instagram link: <https://www.instagram.com/PedRadJournal>

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