From the Director and Chair

UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida host many top programs in the U.S. and facilitate leading-edge, innovative research and clinical programs. Our goal is to develop the next generation of pediatric scholars who will distinguish themselves nationally and internationally. We will ensure that you receive outstanding clinical training while allowing you to achieve your academic goals.

To meet your goals, we provide novel residency tracks:

- Primary Care
- Global Health
- Public Health
- Research
- Medical Education

Each track provides unique training opportunities to strengthen your journey in becoming a general pediatrician or subspecialist.

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Top 10 reasons to join the University of Florida

P—Patients
Diverse patient population with variety of pathology; only hospital in the area admitting children.

E—Education
Board prep curriculum used as framework for daily didactic series; great faculty involvement.

D—Directors
Directors are approachable, supportive; directors implement changes based on concerns and input.

I—Information Technology
Electronic medical record in the hospital and outpatient practices; easy access to online journals and medical resources; helpful and supportive IT Center; each resident receives an iPad.

A—Advocacy
Longitudinal advocacy project; opportunities to be involved with our diverse community at a local, state and national level.

T—Teamwork
Help among colleagues; pleasant work environment with all ancillary staff.

R—Research
Opportunities for discovery, grant & travel support.

I—Incredible
Warm location with lots of opportunities for outdoor activities.

C—Continuity
True continuity in our outpatient practices; patients recognize residents as their physicians.

S—Subspecialties
All pediatric ABP-certified subspecialties are represented; great teaching and support from attendings.
**Residency tracks**

The field of pediatrics is changing because of the complexity of the children seen, the technologies available for pediatric care and new discoveries. There are also new demands placed upon practitioners due to the skills necessary for clinical and biomedical research exceeding those needed just a decade ago. As such, current models of pediatric residency training need new directions to meet the needs of children and society. Working within the guidelines mandated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), we proudly announce new opportunities for training in pediatrics with the creation of novel residency tracks at UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

**PRIMARY CARE**
The Primary Care track aims to prepare pediatric residents in the knowledge, practices and skills of general pediatrics, where the health care of children is central and tertiary care is coordinated with subspecialists.

**GLOBAL HEALTH**
The Global Health track provides residents with training in international medical care as it relates to children's health, including educational opportunities in foreign countries.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**
The Public Health track enables residents to explore courses and experience educational and experiential opportunities that relate to public health and policy initiatives.

**RESEARCH**
The Research track is ideal for residents who intend to conduct subspecialty fellowship training and wish to be involved in numerous and varied research projects.

**MEDICAL EDUCATION**
The Medical Education track offers a broad introduction to contemporary educational theory, instructional methods and context-relevant project work to enhance competencies as future educators.

**THE UF PEDIATRIC SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

_Developing the Next Generation of Pediatric Academicians, Scientists and Leaders_

The University of Florida Pediatric Scholar Development Program is designed to develop the next generation of leaders in pediatric research and academic medicine. This fundamental program of UF’s Department of Pediatrics provides the necessary training to future academicians in their journey from residency, to fellowship, to faculty. The program offers specialized training for physicians during residency and/or fellowship training in basic science, translational and/or clinical research.

If you are interested in developing the special skills needed for a career in pediatric academics with an emphasis in research, this program is for you.