

**AAPS Student Program Support Committee (SPSC)**  
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**Mission:** The Student Program Support Committee (SPSC) provides support and guidance to AAPS student members, postdoc members, and recent graduates, as well as AAPS student chapters. The committee also assists in communicating the value and benefits of AAPS and the field of pharmaceutical sciences through outreach to students. The committee seeks to engage AAPS student and postdoc members who are working toward careers in the pharmaceutical sciences, with emphasis on encouraging student and postdoctoral members to convert to full regular members of AAPS.

**Scope of Work**

SPSC's projects include:

- Promote the Visiting Scientist Program and recruit universities to participate in the program
- Assist students/postdocs and student chapter leaders who contact AAPS with questions
- Promote the AAPS Mentoring Program and recruit pharmaceutical scientists and students to participate in the program
- Advise student chapters, especially those at risk of becoming inactive
- Encourage member participation in AAPS programs that support students and postdocs, such as the Mentoring Breakfast, Conference Buddy, Résumé Review, and Mock Interviews programs
- Participate in student-focused activities in the AAPS Communities

**Committee Composition, Qualification, and Terms of Service**

The SPSC consists of 8-10 members. Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, with the option of renewing once at the chair's discretion (meaning a committee member may serve a maximum of 4 consecutive years). Committee members may apply to re-join after a one-year absence from the committee.

The chair has a three-year term, including a year as vice chair, a year as chair, and a year as past chair, which may extend their service on the committee.

Members cannot serve on more than one AAPS Committee at a time. Members will not be considered for roles on other committees until their term is complete. Participation in short-term volunteer activities (e.g., task forces, moderating a session, servicing as a mentor) at any time is acceptable.

**Requirements**

- Membership in AAPS and throughout term of service.
- Approximately 3-5 hours a month of participation.
- Attend one hour-long committee meeting each month.
- Commitment to AAPS' mission and its strategic plan.
- Knowledge of AAPS programs, products, and services.
- Understanding of the needs and interests of students, postdocs, and emerging professionals.
- Ability to use web-based software including Microsoft Teams and AAPS' web-based Communities.

**Out of Scope**

- Amending the structure of AAPS membership.
- Amending the qualifications of AAPS Student Chapters.
- Securing sponsors to fund AAPS programs and fees, or individual participation in AAPS activities.