

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs?

The Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs is a four-week rotation in the ASA Advocacy Office located in Washington, D.C. The program is designed to allow resident physicians to experience the political, legislative and regulatory factors that affect the delivery of patient care.

Who can apply for the Rotation?

Residents in their PGY - 3 / CA - 2 year and those more senior are eligible to apply for the rotation. Those serving in fellowships are also encouraged to apply. CA - 3 residents applying for the rotation with a preference for serving during the last three months of their residency program will be required to obtain ABA approval to participate.

How long is the Rotation?

The length of the rotation is four weeks.

I'm not from Washington, D.C., where will I stay?

Residents are responsible for securing their own living arrangements using the stipend provided and can work with the ASA Washington Office to access different sources of living options.

When can I complete the Rotation?

Rotations are held when Congress is actively in session. This commonly means September as well as most months from February to June.

What are you looking for in an applicant?

An ideal applicant will be involved in their state component society and/or ASA Resident Component, ASAPAC, ASA Grassroots Network, and have demonstrated interest in ASA legislative and regulatory priorities. The ideal applicant exhibits effective verbal and written communication and analytical skills, highly-developed interpersonal skills, an affinity for networking, demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to work in a team setting.

When do I apply?

The application opens in December and closes on March 15. Applicants will serve during the upcoming academic year, beginning September after applying.

Why should I apply?

Residents who participate in the program gain further appreciation for the enormous impact that policymaking and governmental actions have on all facets of medicine, especially on the practice of anesthesiology. Understanding health care policy issues will directly affect and improve how residents care for patients each day in hospitals and other clinical settings, which is essential to the way anesthesiologists practice their specialty.

How do I apply?

Applications will be processed online. In December, when the application opens, you'll be able to access the application at asahq.org/ResidentScholar.

Where do I get more information?

More information about the rotation can be found at:
asahq.org/ResidentScholar

Please also feel free to direct other inquiries to:
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Is this rotation approved by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)?

The rotation has been approved by the American Board of Anesthesiologists (ABA) to count toward residency credit. A copy of the ABA approval letter can be viewed [here](#).

What can I expect from this rotation?

Residents will participate in day-to-day activities in the ASA Advocacy Division, attend lobby events sponsored by ASA, create specific research projects, and explore and report on new law and policy changes affecting the specialty.

What if my application is not accepted?

Your application may be placed on our waiting list, which will be consulted if an accepted participant is not able to participate.

What is the deadline to apply for the rotation?

All applications must be submitted via e-mail by the application deadline of March 15, 2017. Submissions after the deadline will not be considered.

Do I need approval from my program director?

Yes, a recommendation letter is required from your program director to be accepted to the program.