Engaging Faculty in Resident Scholarship

APPD Virtual Café Handout | Evidence-Based Strategy Guide & Impact Matrix

1. Faculty Engagement Strategy, Impact & Evidence Matrix

Category	Strategy	Evidence & Degree of Impact	Benefits & Organizational Impact
Showing Gratitude	**Creating Culture of Inquiry**	**High Impact.** Weaving research into daily clinical activities and local culture establishes that "scholarship begets scholarship" (Choi et al., 2019; Garcia et al., 2023).	Normalizes scholarly activity as an expectation rather than an exception, driving sustainable institutional engagement.
Showing Gratitude	**Building Mentor Communities of Practice**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Community-of-practice models foster peer support and help navigate complex mentoring challenges (Amonoo et al., 2024; Choi et al., 2019; Cottingham et al., 2022)	Reduces isolated mentoring practices, encourages peer coaching among faculty, and lowers mentorship-related burnout.
Showing Gratitude	**Public Recognition & Annual Awards**	**Moderate Impact.** Public awards and formal recognition significantly boost mentor retention, morale, and GME engagement (Devi, 2023; Kibbe et al., 2016).	Increases mentor job satisfaction, provides intrinsic/extrinsic validation, models values for junior faculty, and fosters a culture of scholarship.
Showing Gratitude	**Sharing Resident Feedback & Successes**	**Moderate Impact.** Direct qualitative feedback from residents is consistently ranked among the most meaningful non-financial rewards for faculty mentors (Devi, 2023).	Reinforces the tangible value of faculty effort; builds long-term commitment and emotional investment in resident mentoring.
Showing Gratitude	**Recognizing Teams over Individuals**	**Moderate Impact.** Emphasizing team-based research successes promotes a collaborative environment and acknowledges diverse contributions (Choi et al., 2019; Garcia et al., 2023).	Reduces individual pressure, promotes cross-disciplinary collaboration, and highlights the value of trainees as operational partners.
Resources	**Protected Faculty Time (FTE Support)**	**High Impact.** Lack of protected time is cited as the primary barrier by pediatric program directors; providing dedicated effort directly correlates with increased publication yield (Abramson et al., 2014; Gustafson et al., 2024).	Directly addresses the #1 cited barrier to faculty involvement (time & clinical constraints) and substantially boosts scholarly output.
Resources	**Research Committee, Director & Staff Support**	**High Impact.** Dedicated pediatric research committees and support staff yield marked, sustained increases in scholarly activity (Alweis et al., 2015; Romanos-Sirakis et al., 2020).	Alleviates administrative burdens (IRB, regulatory, data management) so faculty can focus purely on intellectual coaching and guidance.
Resources	**Biostatistical & Methodological Support**	**High Impact.** Access to statistical infrastructure is one of the strongest operational predictors of successful project completion and journal publication (Alweis et al., 2015; Ercan-Fang et al., 2021).	Prevents faculty from having to perform complex analysis; speeds up project completion and publication timelines.
Resources	**Writing Workshops**	**High Impact.** Formal author development programs and writing workshops significantly increase manuscript submission rates (Cameron et al., 2023).	Transitions projects from abstract/poster phases into peer-reviewed publications.
Resources	**Research electives,**	**High Impact.**	Provides the necessary block time

	tracks, pathways	Structured opportunities to dedicate time and focus are proven to increase resident productivity and faculty collaboration (Abramson et al., 2018; Stevenson et al., 2017).	to complete high-quality research without the competition of clinical duties.
Resources	**Resident Funding**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Providing structured funding for projects, travel, and dissemination mitigates financial barriers for both trainees and mentors (Price Rapoza et al., 2022).	Increases project completion rates and presence at national conferences, elevating the program's profile.
Resources	**Formal Mentor Training Programs**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Formal training enhances mentor self-efficacy and directly addresses faculty-reported needs for clear advising expectations ((Allan-Blitz et al., 2022; Nearing et al., 2020).	Improves faculty mentoring confidence, sets realistic project boundaries, and prevents ineffective mentorship.
Resources	**Works in Progress**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Regular peer and faculty support conferences provide structured accountability and troubleshooting (Hurst et al., 2019).	Keeps projects moving forward, offers low-stakes presentation practice, and crowdsources methodological solutions.
Resources	**Structured Agreements & Milestone Tracking**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Individualized development plans (IDPs) prevent project abandonment and clarify "unwritten rules" (Alweis et al., 2015; Leary et al., 2016).	Clarifies expectations early, minimizes miscommunication regarding authorship/roles, and keeps resident projects on schedule.
Resources	**Speed Dating for Mentoring Dyads**	**Moderate Impact.** Rapid-match events improve alignment of research interests and personalities between trainees and faculty (Cranmer et al., 2018; Liang et al., 2022).	Improves buy-in and trainee autonomy while ensuring a stronger initial match in interests and needs.
Resources	**Curated Project & Resource Lists**	**Moderate Impact.** Maintaining up-to-date lists of active projects lowers the barrier to entry for residents seeking faculty mentors (Das & Bar-On, 2018).	Streamlines the onboarding process for resident research and prevents duplication of departmental efforts.
Resources	**Resident-led Research Society**	**Moderate Impact.** Resident-led innovation groups foster sustained engagement and peer-to-peer scholarly support (Raymond et al., 2024).	Encourages resident autonomy and peer motivation, relieving some direct motivational burden from faculty.
Advocacy	**Aligning Projects with Faculty Interests & Departmental Priorities**	**High Impact.** Aligning resident projects with existing faculty research initiatives significantly increases co-authored peer-reviewed output (Alweis et al., 2015; Das & Bar-On, 2018).	Ensures mentorship efforts simultaneously advance the faculty member's own career agenda, grant work, and publication goals – including non-traditional scholarly works.
Advocacy	**Mentorship in Promotion & Reviews**	**High Impact.** Weighting mentorship in annual evaluations and promotion guidelines establishes institutional alignment between faculty effort and professional incentives (Billings et al., 2025).	Elevates research mentorship from an optional favor to a recognized credential essential for academic career advancement.
Advocacy	**Linking Mentorship to Compensation / Incentives**	**High Impact.** Performance-based financial incentives and research bonus structures lead to significant, sustained gains in published output per FTE (Alweis et al., 2015).	Addresses clinical productivity pressures by assigning direct, tangible value (RVU/financial credit) to research oversight.
Advocacy	**Mentorship as Recruitment**	**Moderate-to-High Impact.** Strong scholarly interaction and mentoring pipelines are vital for pediatric subspecialty recruitment and retention (Barker et al., 2022; Orr et al., 2024).	Attracts high-achieving trainees into fellowship pathways and solidifies the departmental academic pipeline.

2. Comprehensive Benefits of Faculty Engagement in Resident Research

A. Benefits to Learners (Residents & Fellows)

- **Higher Overall Training Satisfaction:** Participation in structured scholarly activity under active faculty mentorship is directly linked to higher overall satisfaction with residency training programs ((Abramson et al., 2014; Takahashi et al., 2009).
- **Enhanced Clinical & Research Competencies:** Engaging in mentored scholarship develops critical thinking, literature evaluation, and data interpretation skills essential for evidence-based clinical decision-making ((Bhuiya, 2023; Nurse et al., 2026).
- **Accelerated Career & Fellowship Trajectory:** Mentored resident scholarship leads to significantly higher rates of peer-reviewed publication and national presentations, key selection criteria for competitive subspecialty fellowships (Bhuiya, 2023; Orr et al., 2024).

B. Benefits to Faculty Mentors

- **Academic Advancement & Career Growth:** Co-authoring publications and conference presentations on aligned resident projects directly strengthens faculty promotion and tenure portfolios (Alweis et al., 2015; Billings et al., 2025).
- **Professional Renewal & Burnout Mitigation:** Collaborating with energetic trainees provides a sense of generative purpose, rejuvenating academic interest and reducing clinical burnout (Jacobs et al., 2022).
- **Increased Research Output via Team Effort:** Trainees serve as key operational partners—assisting with IRB submission, data collection, and manuscript drafting under senior oversight (Alweis et al., 2015; Barker et al., 2022).

C. Benefits to Residency Programs

- **ACGME Compliance & Accreditation:** Active, tracked faculty mentorship ensures full program compliance with ACGME scholarly activity mandates, avoiding accreditation citations (Gustafson et al., 2024; Stevenson et al., 2017).
- **Enhanced Recruitment Appeal:** Residency programs with robust, well-resourced mentorship frameworks attract high-caliber medical graduates seeking academic and fellowship paths (Bhuiya, 2023; Ercan-Fang et al., 2021).
- **Expanded Program Scholarly Yield:** Institutional investment in structured mentorship infrastructure produces sustained increases in annual resident publications, abstracts, and awards (Alweis et al., 2015; Weaver, 2018).

D. Benefits to Departments & Healthcare Institutions

- **Culture of Inquiry & Elevated Quality of Care:** Fostering faculty-resident research embeds evidence-based medicine and continuous quality improvement (QI) directly into patient care environments (Bhuiya, 2023; Garcia et al., 2023).
- **Academic Pipeline & Talent Retention:** Effective mentorship creates an internal pipeline for recruiting top residents into fellowship programs and junior faculty roles, driving faculty retention (Bhuiya, 2023; Lee & Marsh, 2014).
- **Institutional Reputation & External Funding:** Elevated scholarship metrics enhance departmental national standing, helping attract major research grants and clinical volume (Bhuiya, 2023; Weaver, 2018).

3. Disclaimer

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