Fellowship Criteria

Division 29
Psychotherapy

Fellow status in APA is awarded to members in recognition of significant, outstanding, and lasting contributions to the profession of psychology. Division 29 is eager to honor those members of our division who have distinguished themselves by exceptional contributions to psychotherapy in a variety of ways to include researcher, psychotherapist, teacher/trainer, scholar, theorist, etc.

The minimum standards for Fellowship under APA Bylaws are:

1. The receipt of a doctoral degree based in part upon a psychological dissertation, or from a program primarily psychological in nature;
2. Prior membership as an APA Member for at least one year and a Member of the division through which the nomination is made;
3. Active engagement at the time of nomination in the advancement of psychology in any of its aspects;
4. Five years of acceptable professional experience subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree;
5. Evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution or performance in the field of psychology; and
6. Nomination by one of the divisions in which member status is held.

Attaining Fellow status in Division 29 requires that the individual has achieved national or international recognition from one's colleagues for contributions to the field of psychotherapy.

Contributions may be through any of the following individually or in combination:

1. Excellence in Practice of Psychotherapy. Those who have demonstrated excellence in the practice of psychotherapy which is evident by national standing. This can include innovative models or programs of practice, applications of scholarship to programs of practice, publications that impact practice, training, etc.
2. Teacher/Trainer/Mentor. Those who have demonstrated excellence and a national reputation as a teacher, trainer, or mentor of psychotherapists, to include the development of innovative models with a wide ranging impact.
3. Scientific Work. Documented research in the area of psychotherapy or related areas that impact the practice of psychotherapy such as neuroscience, psychotherapy process, outcome, training, etc.

4. Theoretical and Treatment Advances. Those who have contributed to the field with the development of theory, methods, and techniques of psychotherapy.
5. Leadership, Advocacy, Scholarly Application. Those who have demonstrated leadership in the advancement of the art, science, and policy of psychotherapy or innovative programs of training, practice or administration.

Evidence of Criteria Used by Nomination Committee

The following are offered as examples of the range of activities that may be considered when being nominated for Fellow but are in no way to be considered exhaustive:

1. Published scholarly articles in professional journals that are considered important in the field
2. Author of books and texts in the field of psychotherapy or related areas in that have important impact on the field of psychotherapy.
3. Demonstrated a high degree of involvement in the advancement of psychotherapy at the national level.
4. Developed a theory of psychotherapy that is widely considered important to the field.
5. Developed approaches to psychotherapy that are widely considered important to the field.
6. Produced innovations in the practice of psychotherapy such as models of practice that address novel problems or the needs of special populations in the delivery of mental health services.
7. Administered a novel or excellent program for training psychologists in psychotherapy or related areas.
8. Demonstrated evidence of service that is distinguished.
9. Demonstrated evidence of scholarly work that advances the field such as editor of an influential journal or special editions.
10. Made contributions that advance the status of psychotherapy as a healing art and science.
11. Exhibited excellence in serving as a mentor in the field.
12. Demonstrate a program of research that advances the field.

Process for Election as a Fellow of Division 29:

1. To be recommended for election as Fellow of Division 29 and of APA, an applicant must have been a Member of the Division at least since the preceding Annual Business Meeting. All endorsers must all be Fellows of APA and two of the endorsers must be Fellows of Division 29.
2. Nominations may come from any member of the Division and self-nominations are welcome.

3. The completed application must follow the guidelines of APA for dates of submission and no applications will be accepted after the date specified.
4. An applicant for initial Fellow must: 1) submit an application to the Division; 2) the Fellows Committee will then vote on the application and forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee; 3) if approved by the Executive Committee the application will be forwarded to the Board of Directors; 4) the Board of Directors will review and vote on the application.
5. Nominees who receive a majority vote of the Fellows Committee and the Board of Directors will be recommended to the APA Fellows Committee for approval by the APA Council of Representatives for election as Fellows of the APA. Those who fail to receive a majority vote will not be recommended to the APA Fellows Committee and will be notified by the Division.
6. Those who are Fellows of the APA in another division whose applications have been endorsed by the Board of Directors also become Fellows in Division 29 without further action by APA. They will be notified of their status by the division.

<u>Procedures for Initial Fellows</u>:
Those who are not currently Fellows of APA must apply for Initial Fellowship through the Division, which then sends applications for approval by APA Fellows Committee and the APA Council of Representatives. The following are the requirements for initial fellow applicants:

1. Completion of the Uniform Fellow Blank;
2. A detailed curriculum vita (please submit 3 copies);
3. A self-nominating letter (self-nominating letter should be sent to endorsers);
4. A minimum of three (more are acceptable) letters of endorsement of your work by APA Fellows, at least two of whom must be Division 29 Fellows who can attest to the Fellow selection criteria detailed above to include outstanding, significant, and lasting contributions to psychotherapy. A cover letter, together with your C.V. and self-nominating letter, should be sent to each endorser to assist them in preparing their endorsement letter.
5. Endorsers send their completed endorsement letter and Uniform Fellow Blank to the Division 29 office at the address below.

<u>Procedures for Current APA Fellows Seeking Fellow Status in Division 29</u>:
Those members who have already attained Fellow status through another division may pursue a direct application for Division 29 Fellow by sending a curriculum vita and a letter to the Division 29 Fellows Committee, indicating in your letter how you meet the Division 29 criteria. **The absolute deadline for receipt of a complete application is December 15 each year**.

Initial Fellow applications can be obtained on-line or from the central office:

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