

# **American Psychological Association**

## **Division 6 - Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology**

Dear Colleague:

You are invited to join the more than 600 members of the APA Division 6 who share the common goal of advancing neuroscience and comparative psychology. APA Division 6 will work for you to generate research funding by educating Congress about the increased quality of life and the cost savings that flow from physiological and comparative psychology and by countering illegal attacks by animal rightists.

### **Division 6**

\* Provides a traditional focus, identification, and network for all psychologists and other scientists, who are concerned with the biopsychosocial bases of behavior: Scientists, practitioners, educators, journalists, and those who fight the anguish of illness. All those who believe that biopsychological and animal behavior research will benefit humankind are welcome as members and contributors.

\* Publishes a quality newsletter and maintains electronic mail communication to provide a sense of research-family and to achieve our goals.

\* Cooperates with like-minded organizations to multiply our educational efforts through other APA divisions: Society for Neuroscience, American Psychological Society, International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, and many smaller specialty societies in sensation, perception, motivation, learning, memory, and the treatment of psychological disorders.

### **Physiological Psychologists**

\* Research, integrate, and apply basic concepts of physiological junction through the study of organ systems, paramount among them the brain. By discovering the biological mechanisms behavior, scientists in this field contribute to the physical and mental health of people.

### **Comparative Psychologists**

\* Study the evolution and development of behavior with the goal of elucidating general principles of behavior which apply across the animal spectrum. Learning and adaptation to ecological and social constraints are primary subjects in this field that contributes to education and social understanding.

### **Neuroscientists**

\* Seek the brain mechanisms that underlie behavior and integrate information from multiple levels of analysis ranging from molecular biology to neural networks to explain the behavioral capacities of individuals.

### **You belong in Division 6**

\* Division 6 is the division of APA devoted to the study of behavior and the brain, other biological and physiological systems, and their impact on behavior. The focus is on animal behavior, animal cognition, the underlying mechanisms and their applications in the service of humankind. If you are interested, you belong in Division 6.

\* *Behavioral Neuroscience* is one of the two APA journals that typifies the basic research approach of many members of the Division. Psychopharmacology, psychophysiology, psychoimmunology, neuropsychology, and molecular biology are all represented by Division 6.

\* *Journal of Comparative Psychology* is the APA journal for studies of the behavior of animals in relation to evolution, adaptation, and development. Research from Division members includes ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, and developmental psychobiology as approaches to the understanding of psychology in the whole animal in the laboratory, the zoo, and in the wild.

### **Membership Information**

\* Requirement: APA membership or professional interest in the fields described.

\* Free membership for one year. You will receive the Division 6 newsletter, email, and have full involvement in the Division.

\* After the dues-free year a Division 6 assessment of \$11 will appear on your annual APA Dues statement or will be billed directly to nonmembers of APA.

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### **Membership Categories of Division 6**

**Fellow:** Fellows of the Division are persons who have been elected Fellows by the American Psychological Association and who in addition satisfy the following requirements: (a) have five years of experience in behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology subsequent to a doctoral degree, (b) have publications of significant contributions in the field of behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology in addition to research carried out for the doctoral degree, (c) are actively engaged in research. The election of Fellows to the Division shall be upon nomination from the Fellowship Nomination Committee to the Executive Committee, which then approves each nomination at the annual Executive Committee meeting and submits the nominations to the membership at the annual Business Meeting. Fellows must be elected by a majority vote of the Fellows and Members attending the annual Business Meeting.

**Member:** Members are persons who: (a) are Members in the APA, (b) have an interest within the field of behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology, (c) and have been approved by the Membership and Growth Committee. Members are accepted by the APA on a monthly basis.

**Affiliate:** Affiliates are persons who are not Members of the APA but whose qualifications otherwise are at least equivalent to those required for Member status in the Division. Affiliates are approved by the Membership and Growth Committee.

**Student Affiliate:** Student Affiliates are persons who: (a) are current graduate or undergraduate students with an expressed interest in behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology, (b) are sponsored by a Fellow or Member of Division 6, (c) and are approved by the Membership and Growth Committee.

**Division of Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology**  
**Application for Membership in Division 6**

(Membership is open to professionals and students with an interest in the goals and mission of the Division which are described on our website: <http://www.apa.org/about/division/div6.html>. Current members and Fellows of the Division are found there)

I am applying for membership in Division 6 as a(n). My status in APA is:

Fellow \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

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My interests in the Division are: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by applicants for Membership:  
Year doctoral degree earned & Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
APA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
APA Fellow (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by applicants for Graduate Student Affiliate:  
Expected date of doctoral degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
APA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Name (Division 6 Member or Fellow): \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty advisor's name (if different from sponsor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address of faculty advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by applicants for Undergraduate Student Affiliate:  
Degree and expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
APA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Name (Division 6 Member or Fellow): \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty advisor's name (if different from sponsor): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address of faculty advisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
List of Behavioral Neuroscience, Comparative Psychology, and related courses completed:  
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