

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*A global partner in the advancement
of psychology to benefit society
and improve lives*

WHO WE ARE

APA strives to be a principal leader and global partner in the promotion of psychological practice, science, and education to address the resolution of personal, societal and global challenges in a range of international contexts. The mission of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) is to enhance APA's role as a partner and leader in the advancement of international aspects of psychology and global health. OIA achieves this by facilitating collaborations with national and international psychology organizations, joining colleagues in leadership on key issues in global psychology, and serving as a general touchpoint for APA on international aspects of the field.

GOVERNANCE

The Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP) is one of APA's oldest continuing committees. CIRP fosters the development of international psychology, the application of psychology to international human rights, and the development of APA policy addressing international opportunities and challenges. CIRP also guides the activities of the APA representation to the United Nations (UN), selects the annual recipient of the APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology, and oversees nominations for the International Humanitarian Award.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/governance/cirp/index.aspx

OUR INITIATIVES



► MOU PARTNER PROGRAM

APA is committed to being a leader and global partner in promoting psychological knowledge and methods to improve lives. The MOU Partner Program formalizes collaborative relationships with national psychology associations around the world through signed memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to signify a joint commitment to sharing resources, developing opportunities for discussions and exchange, and fostering a productive alliance.

As of June 2018, 32 MOUs have been approved between APA and national psychology associations. APA signed its first MOU with the Canadian Psychological Association in 1987, thus beginning the formalization of professional relationships with psychologists across the world.

Each year APA sends up to six scholars to a partner association's annual convention through the MOU Partner Collaboration and Exchange Program. This program is open to all APA members.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a list of APA's MOU partners and more information about this program:

apa.org/international/programs/memorandum-understanding/index.aspx



► INTERNATIONAL LEARNING PARTNER PROGRAM (ILPP)

The APA International Learning Partner Program (ILPP) promotes cross-cultural understanding within the field of psychology through experiential learning opportunities abroad. Meetings with leaders, faculty, and service providers outside of the U.S. allow program participants to gain unique insights into the field and applications of psychology across the world. Initiated in 2012 with an annual trip to Cuba, the ILPP has since expanded to include trips to Bangladesh (2018), Tanzania (2019), Kosovo (2019) and Portugal (2019).

The ILPP is open to psychologists and graduate students interested in building international connections and collaborations in the psychology field.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/programs/learning-partner/index.aspx



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▶ APA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

APA is an accredited non-governmental organization (NGO) at the United Nations, affiliated with the Department of Global Communications (DGC) and accorded special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). APA-appointed representatives work within the NGO community at UN Headquarters in New York to identify issues, organize programs, and draft statements that bring psychological science to bear on global policies and programs. APA UN representatives also support the annual UN Psychology Day Event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/united-nations/index.aspx



▶ APA-IUPsyS GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

The Global Mental Health Fellowship (GMHF) is a collaboration between APA and the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) offering a unique annual opportunity for a psychologist to promote applications of psychological science to the work of the World Health Organization (WHO). The fellow works on topics such as the mental health gap, scalable psychological interventions, and psychosocial response to conflict and other emergencies. The goal of the GMHF is to provide exposure to and involvement in international global mental health policy for psychologists as well as to contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge and research in global mental health implementation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/about/awards/mental-health-fellowship.aspx



▶ APA INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

The international APA community comes from 146 countries, providing a rich forum for discussion of events, experiences, and ideas in the psychology world. Psychologists outside the U.S. and Canada are eligible to join APA as International Affiliates to receive APA member benefits for products and services, news, and specialized information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/outreach/initiatives/affiliate-membership/international-affiliate-corner.aspx



RESOURCES

▶ GLOBAL INSIGHTS

A source for psychology-related news, stories, and initiatives taking place around the world published online by the Office of International Affairs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/global-insights/index

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▶ AWARDS AND GRANTS

AWARDS

APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology

APA International Humanitarian Award

CIRP Outstanding Dissertation Award

International Scientific Meeting Support Award

Recognition of Programs Fostering International and Global Perspectives

GRANTS

APA Grants for International Psychologists and Psychology Students to Attend the APA Annual Convention

APA-IUPsyS Global Mental Health Fellowship

APA Travel Grants for U.S. Psychologists to Attend International Conferences

Division International Activities Grant (DIAG) Program

Henry P. David Research and Travel Grants (APF)

Small Grants for Program Development of National Psychology Associations

FOR MORE INFORMATION

apa.org/international/resources/funding/index.aspx

GET INVOLVED

Join APA as a member or international affiliate

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Subscribe to APA's International Announcement email listserv (INTLANNOUNCE) for information on international opportunities, program announcements, and other updates.

<http://lists.apa.org/>

Apply for one of APA's MOU Partner Collaboration and Exchange Program grants to attend a partner association's annual convention.

apa.org/international/programs/memorandum-understanding/index.aspx

Expand your international professional network and experiences through APA's International Learning Partner Program (ILPP).

apa.org/international/programs/learning-partner/index.aspx

Submit a story for Global Insights.

If you know of innovative work taking place around the world, we would love to hear from you! To share a story, please email jmayhew@apa.org with a brief summary (150 word max).

Attend international conferences, meetings and workshops to promote collaboration and exchange within the field.

apa.org/international/resources/events.aspx



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