

Fellowship Criteria

DIVISION 31

State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association Affairs

Fellowship in Division 31 is intended for psychologists with substantial and respected careers in science, teaching, and/or practice, who are members of their state association and the Division, and who also have made unusual and outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: development or implementation of exemplary programs; leadership in organized psychology; publication or dissemination of information that has an influential impact on SPTPAs ; and contributions to national policy development or political action. It is not necessary to have made contributions in each of the four areas.

CRITERION AREAS

I. Outstanding contributions through conceptual or practical development and/or implementation of exemplary State, Provincial and Territorial Psychology Association (SPTPA) programs. These could be programs developed or conceived at the state level which have served as a model for other SPTPAS or for the development of a national program through APA or other psychological organizations. Applicants could also have developed programs at the national level (e.g., through the Practice Directorate) which strongly impacts the organization or functioning of SPPAS.

Examples include models for continuing education, Pro Bono activities, legislative action, licensing, marketing, managed care, public relations, SPPA organization and functioning, referral services, research support, mandated benefits, freedom of choice legislation, public interest activities, or other areas which promote psychology and/or human welfare.

II. Outstanding contributions through leadership in organized psychology. This could include utilization of a leadership position as a platform from which to have national impact, either through direct involvement at the national level or at the state level in a way that has impact at the national level. Simply serving as an elected officer at the state or national level is not sufficient, in and of itself, to warrant fellowship. Such leadership positions might include the presidency or other office in an SPTPA, the presidency or other office in Division 31, the presidency or other office in a division whose interests are adjudged to overlap those of Division 31, an APA Board or Committee chairmanship, inter-organizational leadership, the steering committee of the state leadership conference, the chair of CESPPA, or other leadership that has significant impact on SPTPA functions.

III. Outstanding contributions through publications or other means of information dissemination that have an influential impact on SPTPA affairs. This could include publication of data-based or conceptual articles, editorship or associate editorship of a relevant journal or newsletter, or regular reviews of articles relating to SPTPA affairs e.g., for Professional Psychology: Research and Practice or the American Psychologist). Contributions could also come through regularly and frequently participating in professional meetings, including presenting papers, organizing symposia, chairing sessions, or giving invited presentations.

IV. Outstanding contributions to national policy development or political action effort. This might include appearing as an expert witness at congressional or agency hearings, effectively lobbying with key federal legislators or Cabinet officials, preparing influential position papers, or organizing effective political action around a significant issue. Such activities at a state or regional level would be considered if they had national impact.

The President, the Board, and the Fellowship Committee of Division 31 are most desirous of recognizing deserving members of our Division for Fellow status and earnestly invite your application if you feel that you meet the criteria cited above. Application should be made NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15th each year in order to be reviewed by this committee and forwarded (if yours is an initial application for fellowship in APA) to the APA Fellows Committee.