

Criteria for Election to Initial Fellow Status in Division 33---Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorder

To qualify as a Fellow in Division 33, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorder, the candidate must meet all requirements for Fellow status of the American Psychological Association. In addition, he or she must have been a member of Division 33 for a minimum of two years, and made significant contributions to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. These contributions must be in one, and will usually be in more than one, of the following domains:

1. Scientific achievement as demonstrated by scientific publications that have made a substantial impact on the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Professional practice by the development of innovations in practice; establishment of a reputation as a recognized authority in areas of assessment or intervention; evidence of distinguished and sustained service to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or their providers or caregivers. The candidate should be licensed and have been devoted to service delivery over an extended period of time.
3. Teaching and training via the development of innovative curricula or instructional materials in intellectual and developmental disabilities; special awards by regional, national, and/or international groups for sustained and important contributions to the preparation of psychologists specializing in intellectual and developmental disabilities.
4. Demonstrated leadership and administrative contributions that have had an impact beyond the local or regional level. This leadership should be relevant to the advancement of the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities, including in APA and other professional organizations.

Always relevant is the recognition of excellence in any of these domains. Excellence can be recognized by the following: Election to leadership positions; selection for editorships of journals or books relevant to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities; nomination for, and receipt of, awards for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and/or practice. Whereas the American Psychological Association requires Initial Fellows to have a minimum of 5 years of post-doctoral experience, individuals who have been elected to Initial Fellow status in Division 33 have almost always had 10 or more years of post-doctoral experience.

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