

Fellowship Criteria
Division 36: Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

In considering applicants for Fellow status, Division 36 emphasizes research and theoretical work in the psychology of religion and spirituality as well as psychological commentary and theory related to religious/spiritual inquiry. Research in other areas may be considered as additional evidence of advanced achievement in the science and professional of psychology.

Specific criteria that may be taken into account include the following:

1. Election or appointment to the editorship or the editorial board of a well-recognized psychological journal or monograph series related to the Division's interests.
2. Election or appointment to state, provincial, regional, national, or international positions, committees, commissions, or offices in psychology, including leadership positions in Division 36.
3. Evidence of outstanding teaching, including innovative course or curriculum development with significant and broad influence beyond one's own institution.
4. Active participation indicative of leadership in other relevant organizations involving psychologists, e.g., the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the International Society for the Psychology of Religion, American Association for the Advancement of Science, etc., or appointment to study sections and task forces of major national or international foundations or institutes.
5. Authorship or editorship of a book or textbook dealing with the psychology of religion, and spirituality, religious/spiritual issues and behavior seen from a psychological perspective, or other areas of convergence among religion/spirituality, psychology, psychotherapy, or pastoral counseling.
6. Extensive and far-reaching leadership and instructional participation in continuing education projects established in the service of advanced study in the psychology of religion and spirituality or closely related areas.
7. Special recognition through honorary degrees or distinguished service awards and citations if such recognition represents accomplishments of broad consequence to the science or professional of psychology.
8. Service as head, director, chairperson, coordinator, or founder of a department or agency, if this service results in unique models for the delivery of psychological services in the religious/spiritual sector.
9. Evidence or documentation that the nominee has enriched the depth and scope of psychology as it relates to religious issues on a scale well beyond competence as a practitioner, research scientist, or teacher.
10. Outstanding performance as a provider of psychological services as attested by documentation and publications. The provision of these services must have positive consequences for the advancement of psychology within the religious/spiritual sector and should include innovative approaches to the understanding and solving of individual, group, and organizational problems.
11. Recognition of expertise in the psychology of religion and spirituality or related areas by virtue of invitations to make presentations at major universities and conferences.