

Fellowship Criteria

Division 39 Psychoanalysis

There must be visible evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution or performance to the field of psychoanalytic psychology. This requires evidence or documentation that the person nominated has enriched or advanced the field of psychoanalytic psychology on a scale well beyond that of being a good practitioner, teacher, researcher, administrator, or supervisor. The nominee's contributions have to be unusual, innovative, or of a particularly influential nature. Fellowship status is not conferred simply on the basis of seniority or competence.

Nominee's accomplishments must be visible and communicable to their colleagues. The nominator or applicant must be able to identify these accomplishments. Is the nominee's performance outstanding, noteworthy and consistent with the highest levels of performance as compared with recognized leaders in the field of psychoanalytic psychology?

To be successful, initial nominations through Division 39 must meet criteria set both by APA and by the Division. APA requires firm evidence that the nominee has made "outstanding and unusual contributions to the science and profession of psychology." For the Division, evidence must be produced that those contributions relate specifically and substantially to the study of psychoanalytic psychology. Applications will first be considered by the Divisional Fellows Committee, which will seek evidence regarding the candidate's contributions in one or more of the following areas (and may ask for additional evidence if the initial application does not appear to be sufficiently compelling):

1. Scholarship - The production of publications and presentations that have had a demonstrable and positive impact on the field of psychoanalytic psychology; among the factors to be considered here are the quality and quantity of journal publications and books published by the candidate, citation records, awards, and other public distinctions for scholarly work.
2. Teaching - The production of texts, curricula, courses, or other approaches to teaching or supervising in psychoanalytic psychology, or the founding of a program in psychoanalytic psychology, that has been publicly recognized as outstanding and influential.
3. Service - Leadership in the affairs of Division 39 and other organizations concerned with psychoanalytic psychology that has demonstrably advanced the field.

Finally, the candidate will be asked to include a sentence stating that "As an applicant for Fellowship in Division 39 I want to affirm my strong commitment to professional and scientific ethics." In addition, endorsers will be asked to comment on the candidate's ethical practices if they have sufficient knowledge to do so.