

Fellowship Criteria

Division 42 Psychologists in Independent Practice

A. Election to Fellowship status in the Division of Psychologists in Independent Practice constitutes a recognition of Division members who have dedicated themselves to the furtherance of high-quality psychological services and who are known to their professional colleagues as persons who have made significant and lasting contributions to the practice of psychology. Fellows are selected by peers on the basis of evidence of sustained superior performance which is recognizable at a national (rather than local or regional) level.

B. In addition to the general requirements established by APA, the Board's criteria for the election of Fellows are:

- A minimum of five years in independent practice.
- Licensure or certification in the state in which nominees practice.

C. The Board's criteria for the election of Initial Fellows are:

Distinguished Service: Evidence of distinguished, sustained service in the practice of psychology is required. A practitioner is a person who is licensed, and who has devoted a significant portion of time to the delivery of service over a sustained interval. While no specific length of service is required, five years is the minimum, and the norm should be more than ten years.

Achievement of Excellence: Evidence of recognition by other professional/scientific groups of a kind not routinely accorded to all members. Some examples are recognition by an appropriate specialty; holding a membership classification in a recognized, national professional association which is based upon peer review and which recognizes contributions beyond those ordinarily expected of members in general; service as editor of a scholarly journal which has a national or international circulation; the achievement of a senior academic rank (for those holding an academic appointment).

Extraordinary Recognition: Evidence of having received national or international recognition from one's colleagues for contributions to psychological practice. Some examples are selection as the President of a national professional/scientific organization, or other similar office in terms of responsibility and recognition; recipient of an honorary degree in recognition of contributions to the practice of psychology by a recognized academic institution.

Significant Contributions: The publication of articles, books, monographs and other practice and/or scientific writings which have made a demonstrable impact on the practice and thinking of colleagues on more than a local basis, in their field of endeavor. Educational innovations (including workshops at national meetings), legislative initiatives or policy developments at the state or federal level which have enhanced the nature of psychological services, increased public access to services, and/or positively altered the form of services. Applicants must show how their contributions affected public policy, practice, or theory.

Personal Goals: Evidence of ability and interest in supporting the goals of the Division. Participation and leadership in associations/organizations relevant to psychological practice. Outstanding service on APA Boards and Committee that relate to practice.

Recommendation: Recommendation by three members of Division 42 who are Fellows of APA.

D. Newly elected Fellows are to be honored at the annual membership meeting.