

Fellow Nominations Invited

Nominations of Division 36 members for Fellow status (new APA Fellows) are invited from any member of the division. Nominations and applications are accepted throughout the year, however completed applications must be received by December 1st to be considered for the annual review cycle of the APA Fellows Committee.

Fellowship Criteria American Psychological Association

Fellowship is a special distinction for those Members who have received a doctoral degree in psychology or a related field from a regionally accredited institution and can show evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the field of psychology. Fellow status requires that a person's work have had a national impact on the discipline beyond a local, state or regional level. A high level of competence or steady and continuing contributions are not sufficient to warrant Fellow status. National impact must be demonstrated.

The minimum standards for Fellow status include:

- (1) Doctoral degree based in part on a psychological dissertation or from a program primarily psychological in nature and conferred by a graduate school of accredited standing;
- (2) Prior status as a Member of APA and of Division 36 (to be considered for nomination by the Division) for at least one year;
- (3) Active engagement at the time of nomination in the advancement of psychology;
- (4) Five years of acceptable professional experience subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree;
- (5) Evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution or performance in the field of psychology.

As per Association rules, there can be no single criterion upon which to base nomination for Fellow status. Operational definitions of 'unusual and outstanding contribution or performance' differ from division to division. Criteria may include, but shall not be limited to, the following: publications, innovations, workshop activity, professional service, demonstrated leadership, journal editorship, and awards. The Division 36 Fellowship Criteria is listed below.

Fellowship Criteria Division 36: Psychology of Religion

In considering candidates for Fellow status, Division 36 emphasizes research and theoretical work in the psychology of religion as well as psychological commentary and theory related to religious 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, religious issues and behavior seen from a psychological perspective, or other areas of convergence among religion, 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 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 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 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 or related areas by virtue of invitations to make presentations at major universities and conferences.

Nominations or inquiries about eligibility or the application process may be sent to the attention of the Division 36 Fellows Chair, Edward Shafranske, Ph.D., ABPP (eshafran@pepperdine.edu, (949) 223-2521, or c/o Pepperdine University, 18111 Von Karman Avenue, Room 209, Irvine, CA 92612).

Completed Applications for New APA Fellows Must Be Submitted by December 1st

Division Fellow Applications Invited from Current APA Fellows

Division 36 invites applications for divisional Fellow Status from current APA fellows, who have made substantive contributions to the psychology of religion. The application consists of the formal application statement, CV, and one endorsement letter by a fellow of the division. A list of division fellows is presented below. The review will primarily consider the applicant's specific contributions to the psychology of religion and the division.

Applications are due on May 1st and should be e-mailed as well as mailed to:

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Please contact Ed Shafranske at eshafran@pepperdine.edu, should you have any questions.

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