

Fellow Status in Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
Division 53 of the American Psychological Association

Policies and Criteria

Fellow status in the American Psychological Association is formal recognition by professional peers that an individual has achieved great distinction in his or her field. Election to Fellow status in Division 53, the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, requires evidence of outstanding contributions or performance in the field of psychology, specifically in the area of clinical child and adolescent psychology. Fellow status requires that a person's work have had a national impact on the field beyond local, state, or regional levels. A high level of competence or steady and continuing contributions are not sufficient solely to warrant Fellow status.

In order to demonstrate outstanding contributions or performance in clinical child and adolescent psychology, the applicant must be able to provide (a) documentation of sustained contributions or performance in clinical child and adolescent psychology over a period of a minimum of ten (10) years, (b) evidence of distinctive contributions to clinical child and adolescent psychology that are recognized by others as excellent, and (c) data exhibiting a documentable impact beyond the immediate setting in which the candidate/nominee works.

There is no single criterion upon which approval for Fellow status can be based for a recommendation to the APA Membership Committee and APA Council of Representatives. Examples of such contributions include strong impact of publication on the particular area of clinical child and adolescent psychology, strong impact through community service, work that has been cited by others, presentation of papers, chairing symposia, conducting workshops, holding office in psychological organizations, influencing legislation, receiving awards or grants, documented innovations in clinical child and adolescent psychology, or production of empirically supported interventions. Single or even repeated performance of these activities are expected of a noteworthy professional; Fellow status is awarded based on long-term impact and broad achievement contributing to the science and practice of clinical child and adolescent psychology.

The Society seeks to recognize a variety of exceptional contributions that significantly advance the field of clinical child and adolescent psychology including, but not limited to, theory development, research, evaluation, teaching, intervention, policy development and implementation, advocacy, consultation, program development, administration and service, model service delivery, and empirically supported clinical applications.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. The receipt of a doctoral degree based in part on a psychological dissertation or from a program primarily psychological in nature
2. Prior membership as an APA Member for at least one year and a Member of Division 53, Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
3. Active engagement at the time of nomination/application in the advancement of psychology in any of its aspects
4. Ten years of acceptable professional experience subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree
5. Supporting letters from at least three APA Fellows who are familiar with the applicant's work with supportive statements attesting specifically to significant contributions to psychology and to clinical child and adolescent psychology*
6. Self-statement identifying applicant's significant contributions to psychology in general, and to clinical child and adolescent psychology in particular, with a curriculum vita in which these contributions are highlighted

*Not required of current Fellows in APA through other Divisions.