



Procedures for APOS Fellow Selection

APOS FELLOWS CLASS OF 2023 NOMINATIONS ARE ***DUE ON OCTOBER 31, 2022!***

The purpose of APOS Fellowship is to recognize and honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the science and practice of psychosocial oncology. Membership in the Fellowship is not purely honorific, however: it carries an expectation of ongoing contributions to and leadership within the Society.

Requirements for Fellowship

- Selection of fellows is dependent upon a nominee receiving a favorable vote from 60% of all current fellows
- Membership in good standing of APOS.
- “Significant and substantial” contributions to the science and/or to the practice of psychosocial oncology.
- Current and future commitment to the field of Psychosocial Oncology

Evidence of a “significant and substantial contribution” to SCIENCE includes but is not limited to:

- Leadership on sponsored projects
- Contributions to the psychosocial oncology knowledge base via a combination of peer-reviewed empirical articles, books, book chapters
- Contributions to development of evidence-based interventions
- Contributions to development of evidence-based standards of care
- Editorial leadership
- Awards/testimonials
- Service to government and non-governmental agencies
- Teaching/mentorship of trainees and junior investigators in psychosocial oncology
- Other

Evidence of a “significant and substantial contribution” to PRACTICE includes but is not limited to:

- Contributions to the development of practice guidelines or clinical care models
- History of exemplary clinical care in psychosocial oncology
- Contributions to development of evidence-based psychosocial oncology clinical tools



- Development or implementation of innovative clinical outreach & interventions that support diversity, **social justice**, equity, and inclusion in psychosocial oncology as related to race, ethnicity, age, religion, culture, language, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and gender identity and/or expression
- Practice/clinical/administrative leadership role(s) in national oncology psychosocial organizations
- Supervision/training/mentorship of clinicians in the field of psychosocial oncology
- Clinical presentations at national & regional conferences
- Journal articles; Invited book chapters, and journal articles
- Teaching excellence (academic; clinical)
- Awards/testimonials
- Other

Evidence of, as well as expectations for, current and future commitment to APOS and the field of Psychosocial Oncology include:

- Mentoring junior members of APOS, with a focus on improving the diversity of the Society.
- Participating in APOS annual meetings
- Serving on the APOS Board of Directors or chairing a SIG
- Serving as a leader for other cancer-focused organizations
- Serving on issue-specific expert state-of-the-science panels
- Serving on an internal advisory council to the president of the APOS board on matters of strategy within the larger cancer care community.
- Attendance and participation at annual meeting, including service as abstract reviewer, poster judge, etc.
- Identifying, nominating, and mentoring the next generation of APOS leaders as APOS Fellows
- Serving on APOS Committees
- Fund raising for APOS
- Developing scholarships for those in underserved communities to attend APOS conferences
- Developing opportunities for APOS's new members to visit Centers of Psychosocial Excellence

Nomination Process

Members of the APOS Fellowship nominate candidates and elect incoming Fellows. APOS will issue a call for nominations and a deadline for submission at least six months prior to the next annual meeting. *Each candidate must be nominated by at least one current APOS Fellow.*

- **Call for nominations: September 9, 2022**
- **Nominations due: October 31, 2022**
- **Fellows evaluation and selection due: November 15, 2022**



Nominations must include:

- 1 letter of nomination
- (1) 175-word paragraph summarizing the candidate’s “significant and substantial” contributions to the science or practice of psychosocial oncology **AND** summarizing the benefit APOS will receive from the candidate’s election as Fellow
- A recent nominee CV

Honoring Our Fellows

The Fellows Liaison to the APOS Board of Directors will inform candidates elected to the Fellowship.

APOS will honor Fellows in this manner:

- Announce new Fellows at the annual conference
- List new Fellows in the quarterly newsletter to APOS membership
- List all Fellows on the APOS website and social media
- All Fellows will have a ribbon designating this status on their name badge for the annual conference

SELECTION PROCESS

The Fellows Liaison to the Board, along with the APOS Executive Director, will receive nominations and ensure that candidates are members in good standing. The APOS Executive Director will then circulate a list of candidates to the current Fellowship for review, evaluation, and vote.

The list will include links to each nominee’s statements documenting contributions and commitment to service, and to a Fellows Scoring Form. Each fellow, after reviewing the candidate, will score the candidate on the Fellows Scoring Form:

- 1) Significant and substantial contribution to the science and/or practice of psychosocial oncology.
 1. Does not meet expectation
 2. Meets expectation
 3. Exceeds expectation

- 2) Commitment to Psychosocial Oncology
 1. Does not meet expectation
 2. Meets expectation
 3. Exceeds expectation

- 3) Your recommendation for Fellowship
 1. Do not recommend



2. Recommend
3. Strongly Recommend

Scoring and Selection

To be selected, a nominee must:

- Receive votes from a quorum (60%) of the current active Fellowship
- Mean score for contributions to science or practice ≥ 2.5
- Mean score for commitment to psychosocial oncology ≥ 2.5
- Mean score for Fellow recommendation ≥ 2.5