

CALL FOR FELLOWS

APA Division 15, 2025 Submission Year

The Division of Educational Psychology (Division 15) of the American Psychological Association invites applications for Fellow status. Election to Fellow status in Division 15 **requires evidence of distinguished contributions and impact on the field of educational psychology.**

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for Fellow status in the division, applicants must meet both Division 15 and APA eligibility requirements.

Division 15 Criteria

- **Membership:** Must have been a member of APA and of Division 15 for at least one year prior to the application.
- **Contributions:** Must show evidence of distinguished contributions through published papers or books in scientific, peer-reviewed literature documenting empirical research, theory development, or methodological innovation.
- **Impact:** The Fellow's work must have demonstrated a national impact on the field of educational psychology beyond local, state, or regional levels.

Note: Steady and continuing contributions alone are not sufficient to warrant Fellow status.

In addition, some combination of the following accomplishments is desirable:

- Publications that reflect a substantial contribution to scientific knowledge or methods in educational psychology
- Election to leadership positions in major scientific or professional organizations
- Nomination for, and receipt of, awards for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and/or practice
- Clear evidence of attention to issues of diversity, equity, and social justice
- Documented impact on educational policy or practice that reflects Division 15's values
- Selection for editorships of journals or books relevant to the field

APA Criteria

Applicants must also meet APA's general requirements for Fellow status:

- Doctoral degree based in part on a psychological dissertation
- APA membership for at least one year
- Active engagement in advancing the field of psychology
- At least five years of professional experience following the doctoral degree
- Evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution or performance in psychology

Application Process

Applicants may apply directly. No external nomination is required. There are two application paths depending on applicant status. All application materials must be submitted by **Monday, December 1, 2025**.

Applicant Status	Non-Fellow APA Member Seeking Initial APA Fellow Status (not currently an APA Fellow)	Current APA Fellow Seeking Fellow Status in Division 15 (already a Fellow of another APA division)
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-statement• CV• Three letters of endorsement<ul style="list-style-type: none">– All endorsers must be APA Fellows for at least one year– At least two endorsers must be Division 15 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter explaining how you meet Division 15 Fellow Criteria• CV
Submission	Submit materials online through the APA portal: https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/apply	Submit materials electronically to Fellows Selection Committee Chair, Dr. Ellen Usher at usher.ellen@mayo.edu . Do not use the APA portal.

Additional Resources

- Instructions for preparing and uploading the application materials can be found here: <https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/help-applicants.pdf>
- Helpful suggestions for writing the self-statement and letters of endorsement can be found here: <https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/advice-workshop.pdf>
- A sample letter of endorsement can be found here: <https://www.apa.org/members/your-membership/fellows/sample-letter.pdf>
- Other information, including a list of current Division 15 Fellows, can be found here: <https://apadiv15.org/about-us/fellows/>

Timeline

Key Event	Date
Fellow Application Due	December 1, 2025
Division 15 Fellows Selection Committee Review and Recommendation to APA Fellows Committee	February 2026
APA Fellows Committee Review and Recommendation to APA Board of Directors	April 2026
APA Board of Directors Review and Elections	August 2026
Notification of Status to Division 15 Fellows Applicants	August 2026
Announcement of New Division Fellows	August 2026
Fellow Status Goes into Effect	January 1, 2027

If you are preparing to submit your application or have any questions, please contact the Division 15 Fellows Selection Committee Chair, Dr. Ellen Usher (usher.ellen@mayo.edu).