

## Division 56 Fellowship Application Process

APA members who are applying for Division 56 Fellow status may self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague.

### New Fellows

We invite and encourage individuals who have “shown evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions or performance in the field of (trauma) psychology” (APA’s hallmark criterion) to apply for Fellowship status within Division 56. You must be an APA member for one year, and a member of Division 56.

APA members who are not yet Fellows of any APA division must meet APA Fellow criteria, apply for Fellow Status according to APA procedures, and complete the APA forms, all described at <http://www.apa.org/membership/Fellows/index.aspx>. In addition to meeting the APA criteria, applicants must meet Division 56 criteria, listed below.

For Division 56, we expect that the "unusual and outstanding contribution or performance" specified in the APA criteria for Fellow Status be specific to the field of trauma psychology. Two or more of the following may provide evidence of such distinction:

1. Being a pioneer in the recognition and application of trauma psychology
2. Publishing important publications to the field of trauma psychology
3. Producing consistently outstanding instructional or training programs that educate the next generation of trauma psychologists or developing important innovations in teaching or education in the field.
4. Demonstrating consistently outstanding clinical work with the traumatized as recognized by international or national groups through citations, awards, and other methods of recognition.
5. Demonstrating consistently outstanding public service relevant to trauma psychology over many years that might include (a) leadership within Division 56; (b) testimony about trauma psychology before courts and Congressional committees or government commissions; (c) service on review panels (e.g., NIH, NSF), or; (d) public education/advocacy.
6. Demonstrating leadership in the area of trauma psychology across science, education, policy, and practice internationally and/or nationally.

All new Fellow applicants must complete the APA forms (accessed through the above link) and submit them to the Division 56 Fellow chair, Laurie Pearlman ([lpearlmanphd@comcast.net](mailto:lpearlmanphd@comcast.net)). In order to meet APA’s February 2012 deadline, Division 56 requires that all Fellow application

materials be submitted to us by **December 1, 2011**. This timeframe will allow our Fellow committee to review all materials, make a recommendation, and forward our recommendation to APA in time to meet their deadline.

### Current Fellows

We invite Current Fellows in other divisions who have made unusual and outstanding contributions to trauma psychology to apply for Division 56 Fellow status. To do so, submit your vita and a cover letter highlighting the ways in which your work addresses the Division 56 criteria to Laurie Pearlman at any time. The Division 56 Fellow committee reviews these applications on an on-going basis. The committee decides whether to elevate the applicant to Division 56 Fellow status. The committee chair notifies the applicant and APA, at which point the Fellow status is official. APA is not involved in the decision to confer Division Fellow status on a Current Fellow. APA will add these Fellows to their list in the following September.

### Division 56 Fellows Committee

Our current Fellows committee consists of the following dedicated Division members:

Charles Figley  
Steve Gold  
Mary Harvey  
Laurie Anne Pearlman (chair)