

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

MFP Training Advisory Committee - MHSAS Section

The American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) is seeking nominations for **two** new members for the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) of its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) Fellowship funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The term of service is three years beginning February 2015 with the possibility of serving a second consecutive term.

The principal aim of the MHSAS Fellowship is to identify, select, and support the training of doctoral level ethnic minority students and postdoctoral trainees whose prior experiences and clearly stated career goals suggest they will make significant contributions to the mental health and substance abuse services needs of ethnic and racial minorities. This principal aim is directly related to efforts to reduce health disparities among ethnic minorities in the U.S. by filling a crucial need for behavioral health service providers.

The TAC plays a key role in selecting new Fellows and advising the MFP office regarding policy and program issues. Committee members make policy and program recommendations; review fellowship and dissertation support applications; review Fellows' progress reports; mentor Fellows; and plan, attend, and assist with MFP activities at the APA Convention and other conferences. Members also perform other duties as requested by the MFP director or TAC chair.

To fulfill our mandate for ethnic/racial representation, the following individuals (male or female) will be considered for the vacant slots: self-identified *Asian American/Pacific Islander* and *American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian psychologists*. **MFP welcomes the nomination of candidates who possess knowledge and expertise of other diverse populations** (e.g., disability, early career, national origin, sexual orientation, etc.). Candidates must have received their doctorate at least five years ago, and their work must focus primarily on students and populations in the U.S. or its territories.

Selected candidates are required to participate in two committee meetings per year and conference calls as needed. Winter meetings are convened at the APA headquarters in Washington, DC, and fall meetings are hosted by TAC members at their institutions. Although a stipend is not provided, meeting travel expenses are covered. TAC members are strongly urged to attend the APA annual convention at their own expense to participate in and assist with convention programming sponsored by MFP.

Nomination materials should include **the nominee's letter of interest and qualification** (including a statement of applicable experience and a demonstration of relevance to SAMHSA's mission and priorities as well as a commitment to serve the entire term on the TAC if appointed), **a current curriculum vita**, and **at least one letter supporting the candidate's nomination**. Candidates may not submit more than two letters of support. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominations and supporting materials should be submitted no later than **September 30, 2014** at <http://mfp.tac-nominations.sgizmo.com/s3/>. **New TAC members will be selected in October.**

For more information on the MHSAS program, visit our website at <http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp>.