



GROUP for the
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PSYCHIATRY

"America's Think Tank for Mental Health"

To: Residency Training Directors
Department Chairs

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Group for Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP)

The Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry is a think tank of leading psychiatric minds whose thoughtful analysis and recommendations serve to influence and advance modern psychiatric theory and practice. GAP is comprised of 200 members from across the US and Canada who meet twice a year and produce content on topical issues in psychiatry.

The GAP Fellowship

The GAP Fellowship is a program for outstanding residents and fellows who are given the unique opportunity to work collaboratively in an informal setting with leaders in psychiatry.

GAP Fellows become members of working committees for four meetings over two years. Fellows contribute to the writing projects of their committees. In addition to their committee responsibilities, the Fellows develop a plenary presentation on a topic of their choice, presented to the general GAP membership at the Fellows' final meeting.

Selection Process

In November 2016, the GAP Fellowship Committee will select Fellows to serve for two years beginning with the Spring 2017 GAP meeting. The Selection Committee focuses on candidates with:

- demonstrated leadership abilities
- academic excellence
- outstanding writing skills
- innovative perspectives in psychiatry
- commitment to a collaborative group process

Eligible candidates must be at least in the PGY-2 year, and must have at least two years of training remaining at their institution (PGY-2 or PGY-3 residents, or fellows in the first year of a two-year fellowship).

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Fellowship Requirements

GAP meets twice a year at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel in White Plains, New York. Meeting dates for the upcoming Fellowship are:

April 6-8, 2017 April 12-14, 2018
November 9-11, 2017 November 8-10, 2018

Because Fellows must fully participate in the committee process and in the development the plenary presentation, ***attendance of the Fellows for all three days of all four meetings is required.*** Training programs must allow selected Fellows time to attend the meetings, and are also strongly encouraged to support travel and lodging expenses for all meetings. The selection committee looks favorably on applicants whose institutions support their interest in GAP.

Application Procedure

Each U.S. and Canadian accredited psychiatric residency training program may nominate one second- or third-year resident and one first-year fellow (child or other two-year fellowship). The application should contain the following, in this order:

- 1) a current CV
- 2) a 1-2 page typed personal statement
- 3) one letter of recommendation from the residency training program director
- 4) a writing sample or publication excerpt written by the nominee (limited to 5 pages)
- 5) a statement of the level of financial support intended by the residency program

The completed application materials should be **submitted electronically** as one pdf file to:

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The deadline for applications to be received is October 1, 2016.

Fellows are notified of their selection by December 1, 2016.

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