

# The GAP Fellowship

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OF PSYCHIATRY

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The Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP) is a think tank of leading psychiatric minds whose thoughtful analysis and recommendations serve to influence and advance modern psychiatric theory and practice. Members collaborate in small committees to produce creative and innovative projects on the interface between psychiatry and society. Important ideas are communicated to the mental health field and to the public through books, scientific papers, op-eds, blogs, and educational tools.

Since 1957, GAP has chosen outstanding psychiatry residents nominated by programs across the US and Canada to be GAP Fellows.

## Each Fellow:

- ◆ attends four GAP Meetings over two years (April and November) in White Plains, New York
- ◆ joins one of the working GAP Committees and participates in the development and writing of their committee's project
- ◆ collaborates with other fellows on a plenary presentation to the general GAP membership at the fellows' final meeting
- ◆ experiences and learns about group process in their Fellowship group
- ◆ benefits from close interaction with peers and mentors from all over the United States and Canada

## Criteria:

The GAP Fellowship is designed for outstanding residents. Nominees should demonstrate:

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

## GAP Committees:

*Addictions*  
*Administration and Leadership*  
*Adolescence*  
*Aging*  
*Child*  
*College Student*  
*Community*  
*Cultural*  
*Disasters and the World*  
*Gender*  
*Global*  
*Law*  
*LGBT*  
*Media*  
*Medical Education*  
*Mental Health Services*  
*Military and Veterans*  
*Neuropsychiatry*  
*Planning, Marketing, and Communications*  
*Prevention*  
*Professionalism and Ethics*  
*Psychiatry and Humanities*  
*Psychopathology*  
*Psychopharmacology*  
*Psychosomatic Medicine*  
*Psychotherapy*  
*Religion*  
*Research*  
*Terrorism and Political Violence*  
*Work and Organizations*

## Eligibility:

Residents are eligible if they:

- ◆ are PGY-2 or later at an accredited psychiatry residency program in the U.S. or Canada
- ◆ have at least two years of training ahead of them (e.g., PGY-2 or PGY-3, or first year of a two-year fellowship)

## Applications must include:

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

## Recent Fellow Plenary Presentations:

2014 Gun Violence  
2016 Issues and Controversies in Psychiatry  
2018 Psychiatry in the Digital Age

## Recent GAP Publications:

Ash P and the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry Committee on Psychiatry and the Law, Editors. From Courtroom to Clinic: Legal Cases that Changed Mental Health Treatment. New York, Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Dixon LB, Adler DA, Berlant J, Brunette MF, Erlich M, First MB, Goldman B, Koh S, Levine B, Oslin DW, Siris S. Managing Our Public Selves. Psychiatric Services, 2020.

Kring B, Keable H, Ackerman A, Notman M, Stern D, and Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry. College Students Under Stress. Psychiatric Times, 35(4), 2018.

Phillips J, El-Gabalawi F, Fallon BA, Majeed S, Merlino JP, Nields JA, Saunders D, Norko MA. Religion and Psychiatry in the Age of Neuroscience. Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 2020.

Schildkrout B, MacGillivray L, Lauterbach M. Wilder Penfield and the Architecture of Collaboration. Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience, 31(4):397, 2019.

## Applications:

For more information and to submit your application please email:

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Application **must** be received by October 1, 2020

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## Comments from former Fellows:

*“As a fellow you are embraced by this community of thoughtful psychiatrists and encouraged to participate fully in their writing process. You also get to interact and work with a very interesting group of fellows and forge relationships that will last beyond the fellowship term.”*

*Andres Barkil-Oteo, MD*

*“I got in vivo training in leadership and group dynamics during my time as a GAP Fellow, and I developed relationships with mentors that helped shape my career.”*

*Steven S. Sharfstein, MD*

*“As a member of the LGBT Committee I had the opportunity to collaborate on projects with leaders in the field at a very early point in my career.”*

*Lorraine Lothwell, MD*

*“The GAP Fellowship provided a wonderful opportunity to network with leaders in the field in an intimate and welcoming setting. I am grateful for the mentorship of my committee, the collegiality of my fellowship group, and the lasting connections formed through both.”*

*Naomi Libby, MD*

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