

## MFP Training Advisory Committee: Call for Nominations

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September 18, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Please view and share with other interested parties.

The American Psychological Association's Minority Fellowship Program is seeking nominations for **three** new members for the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) for its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) Fellowship program.

The principal aim of the MHSAS Fellowship is to identify, select, and support the training of ethnic minority doctoral 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 mental health service providers.

To fulfill our mandate for ethnic/racial representation, the TAC seeks three psychologists who meet the following qualifications:

- Self-identify as ***African American, Asian American, or Hispanic/Latino***.
- Received their doctorate in psychology at least five years ago.
- Primarily oriented toward practice and/or training practitioners.
- Focus is primarily on students and populations of color in the U.S. or its territories.

**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.).

The term of services is three years, beginning February 2019, with the possibility of serving a second term consecutively.

Nomination materials should include **the nominee's letter of interest and qualifications** (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), **current curriculum vitae**, and **at least one letter supporting the candidate's nomination**. Please submit materials no later than **October 7, 2018** at <http://www.apa.org/pi/about/nominations.aspx>.

For more information on the APA Minority Fellowship Program, please visit our website at <http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/>

Thank you,  
Minority Fellowship Program Staff  
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[Call for Nominations - AA, Asian, Hispanic MHSAS 2018.pdf](#)

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**From:** [Dennis C Wendt](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:03 PM

Does anyone know if there is a good reason Native Americans are not included in this?!

Dennis

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**From:** [Dr. Gayle Morse](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:15 PM

That is very odd...

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**From:** [Dennis C Wendt](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:17 PM

I'm hoping it's simply because they already have a Native American on the committee.

Dennis

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**From:** [Dr. Louise Sundararajan](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:23 PM

That's because this APA committee is not informed by the IP movement. We have work to do.

Louise

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**From:** [Dennis C Wendt](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:54 PM

I found a list of the full committee

online: <http://www.apa.org/pi/mfp/committees/psychology.aspx>

There is only one person (of 19) who is clearly Native American (Joseph Horvat), though it's possible 1-2 others are and it's just unclear. The rest of the committee appears to be (as far as I can tell from their appearance and description) African American, Latino/a, and Asian American (except for the couple for whom their racial identity is unclear to me). It makes me wonder if they have quotas based on the percentage of the group in the US population, which I think would be quite a disservice to Native Americans. At any rate, they should be transparent about this, as right now one can easily assume they are simply neglecting Native Americans.

Dennis

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**From:** [Olga Louchakova-Schwartz](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 10:30 PM

Thanks for rising this question.

Just to mention, also, there is an invisible minority of Slavic descent (Ukrainians, Polish, Slovak, etc.); there are also white-looking Tatars. I was told, in a respectable academic settings, that they are not "real diversity". There are also other groups who are always overlooked, e.g. gypsies. HR depts have a category "other", under which these groups remain invisible. They are not included, ever, in any grant program; they constitute abt 6-10% of US population, depends on the source.

Olga

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