Applications:

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Application must be received by October 1, 2016

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, M.D.

“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, M.D.

“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, M.D.

“As a Fellow on the Mental Health Services Committee, GAP provided a unique opportunity for me to develop lifelong professional relationships with peers and mentors. The GAP Fellowship encourages discussion about the important issues that confront our profession and promotes a public appreciation for the role of psychiatry within society.”

Glen P. Davis, M.D.

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The GAP Fellowship

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. Unrestricted grants from The Cotswold Foundation (Costwold Looney Fellows), the Phillips Van-Buren Foundation (Dear Abby Fellow), and Beacon Health Options (Beacon Health Options Fellow) support individual GAP Fellowship positions.

Each Fellow:
- Attends four GAP Meetings over two years (April and November) at Renaissance Westchester Hotel, White Plains, New York
- Becomes a member of one of the working GAP Committees for two years 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
- 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

Eligibility:
Residents are eligible if they are:
- PGY-II or PGY-III residents at an accredited psychiatry residency program in the U.S. or Canada
- First-year child psychiatry fellows at an accredited child psychiatry program in the U.S. or Canada

GAP Committees:
- Addictions
- Administration and Management
- Adolescence
- Aging
- Child
- College Student
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Psychiatry
- Disasters and the World
- Family
- Gender and Mental Health
- Global Psychiatry
- History and Psychiatry
- LGBT
- Medical Education
- Mental Health Services
- Military Psychiatry
- Neuropsychiatry
- Planning, Marketing, and Communications
- Prevention
- Professionalism and Ethics
- Psychiatry and Religion
- Psychiatry and the Arts
- Psychiatry and the Community
- Psychiatry and the Law
- Psychopathology
- Psychopharmacology
- Psychosomatic Medicine
- Psychotherapy
- Research
- Terrorism and Political Violence
- Work and Organizations

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

Fellow Plenary Presentations:
- 2010 Psychiatry in the Age of Facebook
- 2012 Bullying Across the Lifespan
- 2014 Gun Violence

Recent GAP Publications:


Merlino JP, Petit J, Weissler L, & Bowen J. Leading with Lean: Getting the outcomes we need with the funding we have. Psychiatric Quarterly, 86(3), 301-310, 2015.


LGBTs to Our Doctors: Know us as People. Mary Barber, May 24, 2012, Huffingtonpost.com

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