

CRSSPP Call for Nominations for 2026-2028 term

COMMISSION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (CRSSPP) (4 to be elected for a 3-year term)

The Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subsidiaries in Professional Psychology shall consist of ten Commissioners serving staggered terms of three years each. Commissioners shall be limited to two successive full terms of service and may not further succeed themselves without a break in service. With the exception of a Public Member, all Commissioners must be licensed psychologists and members of the Association.

Eight of the Commissioners shall be elected from slates prepared by the following: the Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) shall each have one Commissioner seat; the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) shall have three Commissioner seats; and the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) shall have three Commissioner seats. The ninth Commission seat shall be reserved for an early career psychologist, and the tenth Commission seat shall be reserved for a Public Member who shall not be a psychologist. Both the early career psychologist and Public Member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

At this time, the Commission seeks nominations to fill four vacancies: one vacancy representing education (BEA), one vacancy representing practice (BPA), one vacancy representing public interest (BAPPI), and one vacancy representing early career psychologists (ECP). Commissioners shall also be nominated in such a fashion that ensures representation among them of (a) the broad scope of the practice of professional psychology, its scientific bases, and the Association's commitment to diversity and the public interest, and (b) an array of expertise in such matters as professional education and training, practitioner credentialing, program accreditation, continuing professional development, the identification of emerging patterns of practice, marketplace issues, legal/regulatory affairs, comprehensive and long-range knowledge of the development of specialties and the education and training system, student perspectives, consumer perspectives, evidence based practice and/or science background. For the forthcoming Call, CRSSPP will prioritize nominations of individuals from underrepresented groups. Additionally, of particular interest will be individuals with specific expertise in the areas of training / education (including doctoral, internship, post-doctoral, post-licensure), independent private practice, racial and ethnic psychology, complexities of diversity issues, licensure and regulation, and/or board certification and credentialing (in specialties and sub-specialties).

All nominations will be forwarded to the aforementioned groups. Each nominating board or committee will develop a slate of five qualified and appropriate candidates per vacancy to be forwarded to the Commission for transmission to the Board of Directors.

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024, the Council of Representatives revised and adopted its 2019 strategic plan that sets APA's organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA groups actively collaborate across APA to align the work of elected and appointed leaders, staff, and the broader membership in service of advancing the strategic plan. Given the importance of this approach to the Association's strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to CRSSPP to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.