

How to Nominate Someone for APS Fellowship Through FIAP

Any nomination for fellow must be linked to one of the units in APS. For people working in industry the most likely unit is FIAP, the Forum on Industrial and Applied Physics. It is the biggest forum, so it has a large allocation of fellow nominations.

Only APS members can be nominated to become fellows. You must also be an APS member to submit a nomination. You will need the support of a second member who is the “co-sponsor.” See the next page for how to find APS members in your organization. It is not necessary to be a FIAP member to nominate someone, but it’s easy to join and can’t hurt.

The nomination package should include recommendations from up to two others who do not need to be APS members.

Deadlines

[Deadlines for Fellows Nominations](#)

FIAP nominations are due June 1, 2016.

Nomination Process

Nominations can be submitted at any time, but must meet the deadline to be considered for that year.

[Nomination Instructions](#) and [Nomination System](#)

Before submitting a nomination, you should have all the items listed on this [webpage](#). This includes:

1. A suggested citation (maximum 300 characters)
2. A supporting paragraph (maximum 2,500 characters)
3. Your letter of support (uploaded as a pre-saved document)
4. The name and email address of a co-sponsor. The co-sponsor should also provide a strong letter of support
5. Additional letters of support (at most 2 beyond yours and the co-sponsor's)

Use your letter of support to emphasize the concrete accomplishments of the nominee and the impact thereof. Since many FIAP nominees work in non-academic environments, the FIAP Executive Committee has provided guidelines on the criteria for nomination on the following page and [also at this link](#).

Process Overview

1. Submit nomination to the APS prior to unit deadline (June 1, 2016 for FIAP)
2. Nominations reviewed at the Unit level by the Unit Fellowship Committee
3. Recommendations reviewed by the APS Fellowship Committee (By September 1)
4. Final approval given by full APS Council (By November 30)
5. Notification of newly elected fellows as well as sponsors of nominees deferred or dropped
6. General announcement of new fellows in March issue of the APS News.

This is a brief overview of the process. Please contact Steven Lambert, APS Industrial Physics Fellow, at lambert@aps.org or (301) 209-3245 with any questions.

How to Find APS Members at Your Institution

Don't know who in your organization is an APS member? You can find out on the [Member Directory webpage](#). Put in the name of your institution on the right side, search, then click on the "institute" name to see a list of all current members in that organization. This may take some detective work to find how your organization is recorded in our database. Search on your own name, on your state, or use "search partial text." You may need to login with your APS username to access the directory.

Criteria for APS Fellowship Nomination Through FIAP

Criterion	Definition
1. Contributions made in fields of Industrial or Applied physics	The primary criterion. The nominee should have made a significant contribution in a field of industrial or applied physics according to the following sub-criteria. The accomplishment(s) should be easily and succinctly expressed.
Examples of significance	Successful commercialization of a product or process resulting based on physics R&D or advancement in physics
	A significant practical application of physics, but not commercialized, e.g., patents exist
	The practice of physics, such as significant advances in physics, but are not developed into an application, e.g. a body of work in physics in an <u>industrial or national lab</u> setting with publications but no or very few patents
	Original research and development that advances the field of industrial or applied physics without satisfying any of the above sub criteria
	Leadership in advancing industrial or applied physics in a significant industrial, governmental, or other program
2. Patents and Publications	A maximum of the 8 most significant patents and publications required for the nomination. No more than 4 publications can be included. All publications should be directly related to the nominee's significant contributions to industrial or applied physics.
Continuing record of patents	Patents are a visible way for industrial and applied physicists to demonstrate significant achievement worthy of recognition. A list of patents should be considered separately from physics journal publications
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3. Related accomplishments, record of professional physics contributions	Stature of the nominee in the physics community based leadership, management, and involvement in APS & FIAP, professional appointments, awards and recognition.
4. Letters of sponsor, co-sponsor, and 2 supporters	Based on qualifications of the sponsors and the strength of the letters