The Path to Becoming a Fellow
The Origin of the Fellows

- Established in 2000 by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners with 21 Charter Fellows

- Priority initiatives of FAANP are the creation and development of leadership and mentorship programs to foster the advancement of nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students.
Purpose of FAANP

The purpose of the AANP Fellows Program, in support of the mission and vision of the AANP, is to impact national and global health by engaging recognized nurse practitioner leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education or policy.

- Are you one of these leaders?
- Formal application process every Fall, but journey and process begins much earlier
Application for FAANP

- Applications for the FAANP are considered annually, in the Fall
- Application to FAANP is by invitation of two active FAANP members, who serve as primary and secondary sponsors
- Applicants must have maintained AANP NP membership for at least one year prior to the call for nominations
Active Fellows extend invitations to apply and be sponsored for FAANP membership to AANP member they believe have made significant achievements and/or contributions in at least two of the following priority areas:

- Research
- Practice
- Education
- Policy
The Path for Future Fellows

- Start by performing an extensive self-assessment
- Review bios of Fellows printed in journals/websites
- **PLAN AHEAD** - Look at your portfolio: What is missing? What do you need to accomplish to be ready with materials which will guarantee your acceptance?
- Discuss your portfolio with potential sponsors, listen to their advice about if you are ready to apply, “what” should be there, and what should be submitted.
Candidates Must Demonstrate

- Outstanding contributions and leadership in the two focus areas;
- Significance and scope of influence of one’s efforts in the two focus areas;
- Sustained commitment and leadership in the two focus areas; and
- Potential for contributing to the mission of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and to FAANP initiatives.
Along the Path for Future Fellowship

- Build strong history of evidence
- Identify your focus areas
  - Start now to build evidence for those areas.
  - Write and publish more articles. Write more grants. Conduct more research. Implement major projects. Document the outcomes, scope, and significance of your work.
- Evidence is needed at multiple levels.
Examples of Research Evidence

- Investigator-led research, translational research, outcomes research, and evaluative research with focus on NPs and their practice.

- Accomplishments documented could include the number of grants, awards, publications, and other dissemination activities.
Examples of Clinical Practice Evidence

- Development of models to influence population health
- Establishing community-based programs contributing to the local community’s needs
- Entrepreneurial activities, associated with program development or non-traditional practice sites
- Influencing professional evidence-based practice standards
Examples of Education Evidence

- Teaching innovations or presentations
- Curriculum development
- NP educational strategies influencing outcomes.
Examples of Health Policy Evidence

- Involvement in influencing local, regional, national, and international issues
- Exemplary service to professional organizations
- Interacting with policy or other decision makers that affect health policy
Supporting Documents

Curriculum vitae/resume should be comprehensive, clear, current (timely, professional, with accurate spelling and grammar; no typos). Include a summary of four representative samples which demonstrate your expertise in your main and secondary focus areas. Clearly emphasize any impact made outside your immediate area of practice. The material must support contributions in your priority focus areas and fully support both areas.
Application Appearance is Important!

- Application and content should be
  - well-organized
  - professional with correct grammar and accurate spelling.
  - provided in specified format.

- Credentials should be clear and accurate
  - Ensure CV lists degrees, type of NP, type of practice, location of institutions, and date of initial NP certification.

- Have someone edit your application to make sure that each section is “building your case” as a prospective Fellow.
Sponsors

- Your sponsors are critical—they mentor and guide you through the application process.
- Know your sponsors and make sure your sponsors know you well enough to write competitive support letters.
- Correlate your evidence and submission with your sponsors—Make sure that your priority focus areas are clearly evident in your sponsors’ narratives.
- Each sponsor must be an active Fellow.
- Each Fellow may be the primary sponsor for only one candidate.
Potential Deficiencies in Applications

These will not be reviewed

- Incomplete application
- Non-member applicant (1-year membership)
- Late submission
- Non/inactive Fellow sponsors

Please note: FAANP support is available at all times during the application period, either from your sponsors or AANP representative staff contacts.
Potential Deficiencies in Applications

These will result in non-selection

- Inconsistent areas addressed by applicant and sponsors
- Lack of clarity and specificity in descriptions of achievements
- Lack of depth and breadth of NP accomplishments

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Summary

- Self-assessment is important preparation for pursuing FAANP Selection
- Begin discussions with potential sponsors early and become familiar with the application process
- Organize and discuss your documents and evidence now with potential sponsors
- Develop a plan to improve/build on areas as needed
When Invited to Submit an Application

- Complete all required forms and obtain both sponsors’ supporting narratives.
- Submit online, on time.
- Do not hesitate to ask for clarification, information.
- Use available resources.
- Read about FAANP members online and in the FAANP Forum, the Fellows’ newsletter.
FAANP

- Intelligent, energetic, creative, on the move group of nurse practitioners

- We hope you will begin preparing to join us soon
Resources

- FAANP section of the AANP website
- Executive Committee Officers of FAANP
- Other Fellows
- *FAANP Forum* newsletter
- *So You Want to be a Fellow* at [http://aanp.org/NR/rdonlyres/F23F6606-2945-4C40-8F57-8C75926BE067/0/SoYouWantToBeAFellowrev.pdf](http://aanp.org/NR/rdonlyres/F23F6606-2945-4C40-8F57-8C75926BE067/0/SoYouWantToBeAFellowrev.pdf)
Good Luck

Please contact us if we can assist in any way

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