# Call for Nominations: Exploratory Committee on Applied Psychology

## Deadline February 21, 2020

Nominations are sought for the **Exploratory Committee on Applied Psychology (ECAP).** The ECAP will consist of at least 7 members serving for a single 3-year term. Service on the ECAP would commence no later than 10 March 2020. Nominations may originate from individuals (including self-nominations), APA boards and committees and divisions.

## Committee Mission

The ECAP is being formed to recommend pathways for how applied psychology should be represented and promoted within APA and the field of psychology including possible recommendations for an APA committee. The committee will serve in an advisory role for the newly created Office of Applied Psychology and they will recommend policies that will advance both applied psychology and the field of psychology as a whole, in support of APA’s strategic plan.

## Definition of Applied Psychology

Areas of focus in applied psychology include—but are not limited to—consulting psychology, industrial-organizational (IO) psychology, legal psychology, developmental psychology, human factors, ergonomics, sport psychology, military psychology, and many others. Applied psychologists work, teach and conduct research in various contexts such as schools (K-12, colleges or universities), businesses, health services organizations, government agencies, athletic teams, non-profits, or research think-tanks. Their work focuses on using psychology knowledge and skills to improve well-being and performance in all of these applied settings. Examples include leading change, enhancing leadership team performance, conducting program evaluations, consulting on issues related to law or education, helping staff meet performance goals, designing systems and interfaces that are easy to operate, minimizing the risk of human errors that might cause accidents, or designing and implementing a new community outreach program and interface. Applied psychology tends to be interdisciplinary and is increasingly global in its mission and focus.

## Nominee Qualifications

We seek to ensure that the widest range of applied psychologists are represented on the committee; that the diversity of its members reflects the diversity of applied psychology and applied psychologists; that members include both individuals employed by academic institutions and by private, government, and non-profit employers; and that early career psychologists and graduate students are represented.

It is anticipated that the committee will have one in-person meeting in Washington, DC, and monthly virtual meetings. Although not required for selection, we would also like to know if the nominees would be able to attend the APA’s Boards and Committees Spring Consolidated meeting on 20 – 22 March, 2020, which would we like to designate as the kick-off meeting for ECAP.

## How to Apply

Nominees must be members or graduate student affiliates of APA. Each nomination packet must include the information listed below.

* Curriculum vitae
* Brief statement of interest (max 200 words)
* Completed diversity matrix

Please use the [electronic nomination](https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5445749/Exploratory-Committee-on-Applied-Psychology) form to submit a nomination packet by **Friday, February 21, 2020.**

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