

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY (CIRP)

(3 to be elected for a 3-year term)

Targeted Nominations Statement 2021–2023 Nominations

The Committee on International Affairs in Psychology (CIRP) seeks APA members who are concerned with, knowledgeable about, and familiar with international issues related to psychology. Experience in international teaching, research, service, or policy is desired.

In February 2019, the Council of Representatives adopted a new strategic plan that sets APA's organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA's Operating Principles call for all parts of the Association to work together to execute the Strategic Plan and bring about the organizational change APA aspires to create. Through the Operating Principle "Embrace a Global Perspective," APA will "advance psychology globally through international engagement, association efforts, and meaningful collaborations." APA encourages nominees to CIRP to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

Nominees for the 2021-2023 term should demonstrate expertise and cultural competence in any of the following areas: application of psychology to social justice and human rights, global mental health, and internationalizing psychology education.

The Committee seeks to maintain cultural, racial, LGBTQ, and geographical diversity in its membership. Nominations of ECPs and APA Members living and working outside of the United States are encouraged. In reviewing nominations, the committee will consider stage of career (early, mid, late) and the diversity represented by current CIRP members.

Information about CIRP

CIRP supports the advancement of psychological knowledge that is relevant to international affairs, the application of that knowledge to the formulation of APA policy in international affairs, the development of international awareness in psychology in the United States, and the dissemination of psychological knowledge to policy makers, advocates, and service providers in the global arena. Committee members support CIRP's mission to:

- Encourage the international exchange of psychological ideas and information;
- Support programs of international exchange and collaboration of psychologists at all levels of academic and professional training;
- Promote inclusion of an international perspective in the teaching of psychology at all educational levels and increased knowledge of and sensitivity to cultural and linguistic variance at all levels of academic and professional training;
- Initiate and maintain communication with international and regional organizations of psychologists and other national societies of psychology outside the U.S.; and
- Within the international context, apply psychological knowledge to the alleviation of psychosocial suffering caused by natural and man-made disasters, armed conflict, or by abuses of human rights.

Ongoing Committee responsibilities include:

- Providing support and oversight for APA's United Nations NGO representatives;
- Providing oversight for annual international awards programs administered by APA, APF, and the Office of International Affairs;
- Providing advice on ongoing international activities and initiatives;
- Developing policy, information, and guidance documents for use by APA members, staff and governance;
- Monitoring the implementation of CIRP's activities, evaluating their effectiveness in achieving the stated outcomes, and sharing the results.

Service on CIRP

CIRP members serve a three-year term and are required to attend both face-to-face and virtual committee meetings. There will be one face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C., in the spring, with expenses reimbursed by APA. Members also participate in scheduled conference calls, video conferences, and listservs during their term on CIRP; they will need to have access to compatible computers, telephones, and internet access to participate in virtual meetings. Service could include time outside of normal business hours, including evenings and weekends.

CIRP members are expected to work on committee priorities between meetings and provide consultation to APA's Office of International Affairs. They may initiate and lead committee projects during their three-year service on CIRP that are directly related to the APA mission/vision and to the activities and strategic goals of the Committee. This may include special projects and initiatives that require service outside of normally scheduled meetings.

Members are also encouraged to attend all of CIRP's Convention programs (attendance at Convention is at the member's expense).