

Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy



Student Excellence in Practice Award Nomination Cover Sheet

Name and highest degree of student nominee:

Student nominee's email address:

Student's year in program:

Number of distinct clinical practicum sites where student has practiced:

Name, title, and affiliation of student's recommending supervisor:

Graduate training program of student nominee:

Student's expected date of graduation:

Internship program (if applicable):

Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy Student Excellence in Practice Award



The Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy is accepting nominations for the Student Excellence in Practice Award. In keeping with The Society's mission of 1) advancing the practice of psychotherapy and 2) supporting the development of graduate student trainees, The Society is pleased to offer this award to recognize the achievements of its student members in the area of clinical practice. The award will be presented to the candidate who best demonstrates commitment to the practice of psychotherapy and exemplary achievement in clinical work. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$500 to be presented at the annual APA convention. The winner of the award will be featured in the *Psychotherapy Bulletin*, and will be asked to write a brief piece for the *Psychotherapy Bulletin* in which they reflect upon their clinical experiences thus far.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be received by April 1, 2018. Notifications of award will be made by the end of May 2018.

Eligibility:

Any graduate student member of The Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy (including students on internship) is eligible to be nominated or self-nominate for this award. Students interested in joining The Society can do so at this website:

<http://societyforpsychotherapy.org/why-join/>

Nomination Requirements:

Students may be nominated by another individual or may self-nominate. All nomination materials should be sent by the nominee as one PDF file to the Student Development Committee Chair, Nicholas Morrison (nmorrison@psych.umass.edu). The letter of recommendation may be emailed separately.

The application materials are as follows:

- 1) The Student Excellence in Practice Award Nomination Cover Sheet
- 2) A current and abbreviated (2-page maximum) curriculum vitae focused on clinical experiences
- 3) A biographical statement summarizing the student's clinical experience and how that student has demonstrated excellence in the practice of psychotherapy (500 words maximum). Illustrative examples are outlined below.

4) A letter of recommendation from a clinical supervisor that highlights how the student has demonstrated excellence in the practice of psychotherapy. Illustrative examples are outlined below.

Examples of clinical excellence (not exhaustive) are as follows:

- Student demonstrated innovation in service delivery by implementing programmatic use of a routine outcomes monitoring measure at their practicum site.
- Student crafted and delivered a psychoeducational workshop, presentation, or other talk to members of their broader community.
- Student developed and executed a novel or creative group psychotherapy program to meet a community need.
- Student facilitated an outreach program dedicated to increasing psychotherapy participation among members of minority and/or underrepresented groups.
- Student participated as a representative or ambassador for mental health as a member of a campus committee tasked with addressing the needs of undergraduate students.