

Applying for the award of Fellowship

THE Society's highest grade of member is that of Fellow, which entitles use of the designation FBPsS. Currently there are 685 Fellows, representing all practitioner and academic areas of psychology. The Fellowships Committee felt that members considering applying (and those acting as referees and assessors) would appreciate some more guidance on the application process and the interpretation of the criteria.

The Fellowships Committee wishes to recognise the merit of the work done by many members in diverse areas of psychology by the distinction of the award of a Fellowship and would encourage members

who believe they meet the four criteria to submit an application. The criteria for the award of Fellowship were last defined in an article in *The Psychologist* in May 1996 (p.229). The formal criteria for election to Fellowship (Statute 6) have not been changed since then, but the process of assessment has been revised to remove the requirement for candidate-nominated assessors and to solicit the opinions of at least two independent assessors nominated by the committee for every application.

Fellowships have always been regarded as recognition of an exceptional contribution and as an honour, and this definition was reaffirmed by Council in 1989. Criteria for Fellowships cannot be as closely prescribed as those for other grades of membership; election to a Fellowship involves a substantial element of peer

review (by other Fellows) using criteria that are to be viewed as general guidelines rather than as a checklist of achievements. It is in the nature of the Fellowships award that the decision-making process is protracted. Applications will take several months to complete, and in some cases it could take up to a year before a final decision is reached.

The current criteria can be summarised as follows:

- the candidate possesses an advanced knowledge of psychology in at least one of its fields; and
- the candidate has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement or dissemination of psychological knowledge or practice either by his or her own research, teaching, publication or public service, or by organising and developing the work of others.
- Associate Fellow status has already been achieved (a simultaneous application for Associate Fellowship may be made but election to Fellowship cannot take place until Associate Fellowship status has been granted);
- a period of work of a psychological nature has been completed (other than undergraduate training) for a total of at least 10 years;

To assist applicants and their sponsors, an updated version of the guidelines on applying for a Fellowship has now been placed on the Society's website (www.bps.org.uk) along with the instructions for making an application, citations for newly awarded Fellowships and a list of current Fellows.

Chair, Fellowships Committee

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Precilla Choi will be at the School of Human Movement, Recreation and Performance, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia, from 1 July.

Andrew M. Colman's *Dictionary of Psychology* (OUP, 2001) has been included in the list of 'Outstanding Reference Sources' issued by the American Library Association/Reference and User Services Association.

Christopher C. French has been promoted to a personal chair in psychology at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

Dr Garry Hornby of the University of Hull is moving in August to take up a chair in education at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch.

Bernard Kat retired from his post as Head of Primary Care and Health Psychology, Derwentside Primary Care Trust, at the end of April. He continues in independent practice as a health and clinical psychologist in Newcastle upon Tyne and Chester-le-Street, providing services through Psynapse.

Clare Wilson has been appointed Director of the Centre for Psychological Services at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia.

Fellowship citation

Dr Kate M. Davidson

KATE Davidson has made significant contributions in both the theoretical and practical fields of cognitive therapy to a number of socially important clinical problems. More particularly, following on from her early work on cognitive therapy for depression, she has examined the relationship between depression and alcohol dependence, leading to a better understanding of the relationship between the two conditions.

Still focusing on major problems, she turned her attention to developing cognitive therapy for people with antisocial and borderline personality disorders. In turn, this led to developing cognitive

approaches to help people who repeatedly self-harm.

Through all this work, she has worked as a scientist-practitioner in the best tradition, with research findings leading to improvements in treatment approaches and clinical experience challenging existing formulations of therapy.

In addition to the innovative clinical research, Dr Davidson has gained a well-deserved reputation for being able to communicate complex findings in an easily understood way to colleagues of all disciplines. Her skills in training others in cognitive therapy are internationally recognised. She has been the co-director of the South of Scotland Course in Cognitive Therapy for many



years and is currently Lead Director of the Glasgow Institute of Psychosocial Interventions. In all these activities, her skills in disseminating cognitive therapy are to the fore. Her recent work has resulted in many workshops as well as clear manuals to help people deliver good cognitive therapy more effectively.

For her acclaimed contributions to fundamental clinical research, to service development, and to dissemination, the Society is pleased to award her a Fellowship.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities (SCPEO), which has responsibility for the implementation of the Society's equal opportunities policy, is seeking new members to serve for three years (subject to Council approval).

The committee would like to hear from members who have personal and professional experience of equal opportunities work, and who are committed to equal opportunity issues.

Applications from all grades of membership and all sectors of the Society are welcome. Commitment, knowledge and the ability to communicate effectively are desirable.

Members who would be willing to serve on this committee are invited to send a completed statement of interest form and names of referees to: Pat Frankish Chair of SCPEO, c/o Felicity Hector at the Society's office, no later than **15 July 2002**. (Statement of interest forms are available from Felicity Hector at the Leicester office. E-mail: felhec@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9507.)

MEETING DATES

COUNCIL

Saturday 19 October 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 14 June 2002

Friday 6 September 2002

Friday 18 October 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 29 November 2002

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 7 June 2002

Friday 13 September 2002

Saturday 9 November 2002

RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 28 June 2002 (followed by

Presidents' Award Committee)

Friday 25 October 2002 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Friday 21 June 2002

Friday 20 September 2002

Friday 8 November 2002

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Monday 10 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Thursday 23 May 2002

Friday 4 October 2002

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 15 October 2002

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 27 June 2002

Thursday 12 September 2002

Thursday 14 November 2002

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 4 July 2002

Thursday 5 September 2002

Thursday 7 November 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 17 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 18 October 2002

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

London Lectures –

Monday 9 December 2002

Annual Conference –

13–15 March 2003

ETHICS COMMITTEE COMMENT

Sexual misconduct is always taken seriously even where it falls short of criminality. The statement and briefing paper on sexual harassment and the ethics of dual relationships in the Society's *Code of Conduct, Ethical Principles and Guidelines* clarifies issues that members need to consider in relation to their sexual conduct at work. For those in therapeutic practice the Divisions of Counselling and Clinical Psychology provide further guidance. The independent organisation POPAN (Prevention of Professional Abuse Network) is also a useful resource. Other lessons that members may take from this case include the responsibility to provide adequate contingency arrangements for the welfare of service recipients in the event of the capacity to provide the service being curtailed, in this case through imprisonment, but equally through illness or death.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Admissions Committee meeting scheduled for 6 June has been cancelled because this was in Jubilee week and committee members would have difficulty attending.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 4 July instead.

Scheme for Visiting Fellows 2002–2003

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Postgraduate Study Visits 2002: Call for applications

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Book Award 2003: Call for nominations

See inside back cover

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES listed by deadline

1 June 2002

NERC. Small Research Grants. Contact: Dr J. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

BackCare. Major research grants. Tel: 020 8977 5474; e-mail: back_pain@compuserve.com; website: www.backpain.org

10 June 2002

BBSRC. Research grants applications. Contact: Clair Watts or Avril Allman. Tel: 01793 414669/413027; e-mail: clair.watts@bbsrc.ac.uk or avril.allman@bbsrc.ac.uk; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

1 July 2002

NERC. Standard Research Grants. Contact: Dr J. Baker, tel: 01793 411564, website: www.nerc.ac.uk

12 July 2002

Cancer Research UK. Clinical trials grants. Contact: Dr Lynn Turner. Tel: 020 7317 5178; website: www.cancerresearchuk.org

25 July 2002

National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. Young Investigator Award for scientific research into severe mental disorders, primarily schizophrenia and depression. Contact: Audra Moran. Tel: 00 1 516 829 0091; website: www.whsource.com/narsad.html

31 July 2002

British Occupational Health Foundation. Research grants. Contact: Brian Glazer. Tel: 020 7317 5898; fax: 020 7317 5899; e-mail: admin@bohfr.org.uk

ESRC/EPSC. People at the Centre of Communication and Information Technologies (Phase 2) outline applications. Contact: Tracy Davies or Susan Blackwell. E-mail: tracy.davies@esrc.ac.uk or susan.Blackwell@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

1 August 2002

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Research Grants for research on problems of violence, aggression and dominance. Contact: Program Office, Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907; website: www.hfg.org

2 August 2002

Cancer Research UK. Education & Psychosocial Research Projects/Programme Grants. Contact: Dr Lynn Turner. Tel: 020 7317 5178; website: www.cancerresearchuk.org

1 September 2002

Leverhulme Trust. Research interchange grants; pilot project grants; large project grants; and standard project grants. Contact: J. Cater. Tel: 020 7822 6952; e-mail: jcater@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

MRC. Studentships and Fellowships. Contact: Margaret Bryant, Research Careers Manager. Tel: 020 7636 5422 ext 6249; e-mail: Margaret.Bryant@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

2 September 2002

Human Frontier Science Program. Long-term fellowship to support international co-operation in neuroscience. Contact: Grants Administrator. Tel: 00 33 388 215121; website: www.hfsp.org

18 September 2002

Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Parenting Research Initiative. Contact: Alex O'Neil. Tel: 01904 629241; website: www.jrf.org.uk

30 September 2002

Anna-Monika Foundation. Funds for research into depression. Contact: F.A. Henn. website: www.zi-mannheim.de/ams/e/eprize.htm

open date schemes

See January and May issues.

A searchable database containing full details of the various national and international funding opportunities for psychologists can be found on the Society's website at www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm

If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.

Survey of applied psychologists

THE Department of Health, in partnership with the BPS and the Home Office, is planning a survey of applied psychologists. Psychologists working in either health and social care or the probation and prison services (but not trainees about whom we already have information) will receive a brief census form in June, to be completed and returned in July.

The aim of the census is to gather information about applied psychology staff and the settings where they work, and to inform thinking about commissioning and workforce planning. This is important because the numbers of applied psychologists is intended to grow as a result of a number of government initiatives

including Modernising Mental Health Service, the Mental Health National Service Framework and the National Plan.

The data will help us to identify the numbers, qualifications, specialisation and distribution of applied psychologists in a range of settings. This will serve as a baseline and resource for service and workforce planning.

Although this survey focuses on England, we know that a UK-wide perspective is important. Scotland has recently completed a similar census, whose methodology has informed this project.

To be useful a high return rate is important. Your support in completing the form would be greatly appreciated.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **28 June** for the August issue

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Occupational Psychology Conference – First call for submissions

8–10 January 2003

Bournemouth Highcliff Marriott Hotel

Submissions are invited from academics and practitioners addressing any topic within the broad area of occupational and organisational psychology. In response to feedback and in addition to the usual posters, symposiums and workshop format, there has been a change in the format of paper submissions whereby work can now be submitted under three streams. First a Full Paper stream, second a Focused Paper stream, and third a Professional Issues stream. Further details on requirements for these streams and the submissions guidelines for

each of them can be obtained from the Society's Leicester office or at www.bps.org.uk. Submissions can not be reviewed unless they comply with the guidelines. The deadline date for all submissions is 5 August 2002.

All enquiries and submissions should be addressed to the BPS conference office in Leicester. Tel: 0116 252 9555; e-mail conferences@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Clinicians and computers in neuropsychology: Now and the future

Friday 14 June 2002

Department of Psychology, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey

This one-day meeting aimed at practitioners is for those who want to update their knowledge and understanding of the contribution that computers can make to everyday practice, focusing on what is currently available, what developments we can look forward to and, most importantly, implications

RESEARCH SEMINARS COMPETITION 2002

The Scientific Affairs Board invites submissions

Aim — to enable a minimum of two institutions in co-operation with each other to hold a series of at least three scientific seminars, involving a minimum of 10 people, within a period of about two years.

Grants — four grants are available, each worth up to £3000, to meet the travelling and accommodation expenses of those attending the seminars. Institutions should be able to arrange and meet the costs of the rooms.

Criteria — the seminars should have tangible goals, explicitly focused upon extending and developing the understanding of psychological processes in any field of scientific psychology.

Applications — a letter and not more than three pages of supporting appendices (if appropriate) should be addressed to the Chair of the Board. As a minimum of two institutions will be involved, submissions should be made by a primary applicant and a co-applicant, at least one of whom should be a Society member. Details on what information should be included are available from Lisa Morrison at the Society's office (e-mail: lismor@bps.org.uk).

The 2002 competition will close on Friday 20 September 2002. Any submissions received after this date will not be considered.

for the practitioner. The purpose of this event is to inform and update as well as provide participants with information and opportunities to interact with these resources to help advance their knowledge and practice.

The meeting will consist of formal presentations from clinicians who use computers and from those doing research that will have an impact on future practice, and exhibitions from test publishers who have products on the market and in development.

The meeting is structured to allow participants plenty of time to view the demonstrations and have an opportunity, using the department Computer Lab Resources, to get some first-hand experience of what is on offer.

Royal Holloway is just off the M25, south of Heathrow. Parking is available on site and the attractive campus is accessible by train from Waterloo plus a short taxi ride or walk.

Members of the DoN: £50.00
Non-members: £75.00

For application forms please contact:
Dr Michael Oddy, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, 32 Market Place, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9NP.
Tel: 01444 237292;
e-mail: birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk

Court-skills training – Two-day court-skills workshops for clinical neuropsychologists

Run by Dr Graham Powell

10–11 October 2002

12–13 December 2002

Venue for both workshops:
London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London

Members of the DoN: £500.00

Non-members: £750.00

For application forms please contact:
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Tel: 01444 237292; e-mail: birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk.

SPECIAL GROUP FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A Colloquium 'Treatment for Change'

Birmingham Medical Institute on Thursday 27 June 2002.

Cost £40 (non members), £30 (members), £25 (student/unwaged)

Further details from:

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