

FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN AUTONOMIC SOCIETY (FAAS)

Election as a Fellow of the American Autonomic Society (FAAS) recognizes your clinical, scientific, and professional accomplishments and volunteer leadership and service. The right to include the initials FAAS among your credentials lets your colleagues and patients know that you have met the high standards required for Fellowship designation in the premier international organization of autonomic professionals.

Fellowship is open to clinicians, scientists, and allied professionals with a major and productive interest in autonomic disorders and sciences.

Fellowship is bestowed upon Society members who manifest active participation in the AAS and have made exemplary contributions to the field of Autonomic Physiology and Medicine as educators, researchers, or administrators.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1. Be a member in good standing of the Society for 5 years as a Regular Member or 7 years as an Allied Health Member.
- 2. Have attended at least 5 of the last 8 consecutive AAS Annual Meetings prior to application.
- 3. Have served at least 1 term as a volunteer on an AAS Board, committee or sub-committee.
- 4. Show excellence in at least 3 of the 4 Evaluation Categories.
 - a. Teaching
 - b. Administration
 - c. Scientific/Scholarly Work
 - d. Society Participation Related to Autonomic Disorders
- 5. Be sponsored by 2 AAS Fellows, Founding Members or Board Members demonstrated by letter(s) of recommendation on your behalf. Letters of reference should address the specific areas (teaching, administration, scientific/scholarly work, and/or society participation) that are the basis of the applicants' case for AAS Fellowship.
- 6. Be approved by the Fellowship Committee and by the Executive Council.
- 7. Attend the Convocation at an Annual Meeting in order to be installed to Fellowship.
- 8. Additional tract-specific criteria, outlined below:

Allied Health Profession Tract

- Devote at least 75% of clinical practice to autonomic disorders; and 1 of the following:
 - o Have co-authored at least 10 publications related to the autonomic nervous system
 - o Have served at least 2 years as a volunteer on an AAS committee or sub-committee.



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Clinical Physician Tract

- Certified by the United Council of Neurological Specialties in Autonomic Disorders, and 1 of the following:
 - Completed an autonomic training program (certified or otherwise) more than 3
 years prior to election to Fellowship and devote at least 50% of clinical practice to
 autonomic disorders;
 - O Show substantive evidence of authorship in the field of autonomic disorders as demonstrated by: Having authored at least 10 publications, including 5 as first or senior author

Scientist Tract

- Have a PhD, MD or equivalent
- Hold a full-time faculty position at an academic institution with an equivalent rank of assistant professor or higher
- Show independent capability as a scientist, demonstrated by 1 of the following:
 - o 10 or more publications on autonomic physiology or disorders, of which at least 5 is as the primary or senior author
 - Functioning as a PI on a funded extramural grant from government agency, foundation or professional organization intended for independent investigators on autonomic disorders or function.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Prepare a letter to the Fellowship Subcommittee. Your letter should describe your activities in the Evaluation Categories and add any supplemental information. Letters should be 1-2 pages.
- Provide your current C.V.
- Identify supporting materials. These can be highlighted in the CV and may include journal articles, books, appointments to the AAS society, administrative positions, poster or platform presentations, or other similar published materials. If some materials are difficult to obtain, reprints may be acceptable.
- Notify your references, who must be AAS Fellows [or surrogates] to submit recommendation letters directly to the AAS
- Submit all materials in electronic form to <u>amber@americanautonomicsociety.org</u>
- Application fee is \$100, to be payable to the American Autonomic society by check or by credit card (a link will be provided after you have submitted your application).



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EVALUATION CATEGORIES

I. Teaching

- Undergraduate (medical school) education programs
- Graduate (residency and fellowship) education programs
- Continuing medical education or other medically related teachings
- Supervision at the graduate or postgraduate level
- · Awards for teaching

II. Administration

- Administrative responsibilities for autonomic disorders services
- Special liaison activities related to autonomic nervous system physiology or clinical disorders
- Other administrative positions related to autonomic disorders
- Awards or special recognition for administrative duties

III. Scientific/Scholarly Work

- Recent (in the last 10 years) or publications deemed by the Fellowship Subcommittee to be of great importance relevant to autonomic disorders, autonomic physiology, or related areas
- Recent presentations in these areas at regional or national meetings
- Grants in these areas
- Participation on journal editorial boards, grant review committees, practice guideline committees
- Awards for scholarly activities

IV. Society Participation related to Autonomic Disorders (American Autonomic Societya nd related professional organizations and patient advocacy groups)

- List memberships and activities
- Committee assignments in these organizations
- Offices or other positions held in these organizations
- Awards or special recognition for participation in professional organizations