

SIR Fellowship for Members

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Background:

In 2014, the SIR Fellowship approved a policy pertaining to the eligibility of SIR Fellowship. In March 2018 the SIR Membership approved amendments to the SIR bylaws which included changes in SIR membership classifications and the change of SIR Fellowship from a membership category to a designation. FSIR designation may now be awarded any SIR member who has made significant contribution(s) to the field of IR and to the Society and meets criteria set by the Fellows Affairs' Committee. This policy pertains to Fellowship eligibility for SIR Members (Article IV, Section 1, A).

A separate policy pertaining to the FSIR eligibility for Associates has been proposed by the Fellows' Affairs Committee.

Fellowship Eligibility:

As outlined in the Society of Interventional Radiology bylaws, the designation of Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology, or FSIR, may be awarded to SIR members who have made significant contribution(s) to the field of IR and to the Society. There will be no limit on the number of Fellows. The requirements for FSIR designation for Members are as follows:

- FSIR candidates shall have been a Member in good standing of the Society for at least eight contiguous years.
- The candidate shall have made a significant contribution to the field of Interventional Radiology as well as contribution(s) to the Society as determined by the policy set forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee. When evaluating candidates for Fellowship, the Fellows Affairs' Committee shall review the totality of the candidate's contributions on behalf of Interventional Radiology and the Society. Fellowship shall be awarded based on a long and consistent history of activities.

Policy on Criteria for Fellowship:

The candidate shall have made significant contributions to interventional radiology and shall have actively participated in the Society of Interventional Radiology. As a criterion for fellowship candidacy, the candidate shall have demonstrated some level of activity contributing to the work and mission of the Society. The level of SIR activity will be reviewed in conjunction with the candidate's overall contributions to the field of IR. The following areas of activity and achievement will be considered in review of the candidate's record.

A. Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Interventional Radiology:

1. The candidate shall have been the first or corresponding author of at least eight significant papers on interventional radiology subjects in major, peer-reviewed journals such as the JVIR, AND/OR

2. The candidate shall have a history of full-time supervision and training of medical students, residents and/or fellows in interventional radiology for a minimum of eight years, AND/OR

B. Outstanding Contributions to SIR/SIR Foundation:

1. The candidate shall have a strong history of Society leadership and participation.
 - a. Leadership roles within the SIR. For example, chairing committees or task forces, JVIR editorial position, CPT/RUC advisor for SIR
 - b. Leadership in educational activities of SIR. For example, moderator, workshop or course coordinator, Annual Scientific Meeting committee, coordinator for SIR-affiliated webinars or other SIR-affiliated CME medical conference, APDIR.
 - c. Exceptional leadership for SIR through service to IR in local, state, or national medical organizations (eg, AMA delegate for SIR, ACR delegate for SIR, SIR liaison for committees or workgroups with other societies)

Candidates may apply for fellowship under one or more of the above areas of activity and achievement. If applying under the criterion of Outstanding Contributions to the Society through SIR leadership roles, the level of societal activity would be expected to be at a leadership level. If applying under the criteria of Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Interventional Radiology, societal activity is expected but leadership-level roles may not be required. Examples of non-leadership roles that could be considered include: committee/task force member, JVIR reviewer, abstract reviewer, development of educational materials, review/author of SIR-sponsored documents, presentations at SIR-affiliated CME activities.

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Supporting Documentation

Candidates for FSIR designation will provide the Fellows Affairs Committee with the following information for review:

- completed and submitted online application (Applicants will be able to save their progress and will be able to review the application before submitting.)
- a copy of CV
- a cover letter that includes documentation supporting and highlighting the criteria that you are applying under along with your accomplishments in IR and contributions to the Society
- Photocopy/proof of American Board of Radiology (or equivalent)
- 2 letters of recommendation from current FSIRs