



SPR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Call for Nominations for 2026 SPR Fellows

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

What distinguishes SPR Fellows?

Fellowship is an honor that the Society for Prevention Research bestows upon a small and select group of members who have a particularly distinguished record of contributions in the field of prevention research. A distinguished record is a substantial body of work that has had a broad and significant impact on prevention science.

Eligibility criteria

- Must be a current member of SPR in good standing, and this current membership must be of at least three consecutive years' duration. (For example, an individual being considered for Fellow status in 2026 must have been an SPR member in 2023, 2024, and 2025.)
- Must have been working in the field of prevention science for at least 10 years.
- Members of the SPR Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated as Fellows during their term of office.

Number of Fellows in SPR

When a Fellow reaches the age of 75, the individual will be declared an Emeritus Fellow. Emeritus Fellows do not count toward the total number of SPR Fellows. In other words, every time a Fellow is declared Emeritus, this opens up a Fellow slot. A Fellow does not need to be retired to be declared Emeritus. To maintain Fellow status, annual SPR membership must be maintained.

Basis for selecting fellows

To be considered for selection as an SPR Fellow, an individual must have contributed to the advancement of the field of prevention science in a significant and highly influential manner; examples include, but are not limited to, the following ways:

- Has presented 50-75 scientific papers at national or international professional conferences, at least five of which were presented at the SPR Annual Meeting.
- Has authored 50 or more publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Has been Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator on externally funded research grants in the prevention area.
- Has produced a body of methodological work that has helped change the way prevention science is conducted.

- Has produced a body of scientific work that has clarified conceptual issues in prevention science in important ways.
- Has conducted a program of research outside the U.S. that has not had the benefit of high levels of funding but has been influential in that country.
- Has influenced the prevention field through consistent, vigorous, high-quality mentoring.
- Has been influential in translating scientific findings into public policy or practice.
- Has influenced prevention science in a major way via a role in a funding agency.

Submitting nominations for Fellowship status

To nominate someone to become a Fellow of SPR, send an email to Jennifer Lewis (jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org). Put SPR Fellow Nomination in the subject line, and include the following materials:

1. The candidate's complete CV
2. One 2-3 page nomination letter and one 2-3 page letter of support explaining how the individual has contributed to the advancement of the field of prevention science in a significant and highly influential manner. **All letters must be from SPR members.**

NOTES

- (a) Only SPR members may submit nominations for fellowship or provide letters of support.
- (b) Each member may make at most one nomination per year and may provide at most two letters of support per year (or one for members who have also made a nomination).
- (c) **Self-nominations are not acceptable.**
- (d) Nominators should check with Jennifer Lewis to verify the eligibility of the nominee.

SPR Fellows (2013-2025)

2025 – J. Mark Eddy, Ph.D., Steven M. Kogan, Ph.D., Emily Tanner-Smith, Ph.D.

2024 – Allison Barlow, Ph.D., Emilie Smith, Ph.D.

2023 – Richard Spoth, Ph.D., Elizabeth Stormshak, Ph.D.

2022 – Kevin Haggerty, Ph.D., Leslie D. Leve, Ph.D.

2021 – Bonnie Leadbeater, Ph.D.

2020 – Daniel Shaw, Ph.D.

2019 – Karen Linn Bierman, Ph.D.; Richard F. Catalano, Jr., Ph.D. (Emeritus); Margaret E. Ensminger, Ph.D. (deceased); Steven Y. Sussman, Ph.D.

2018 – Anthony Biglan, Ph.D. (emeritus), Kenneth A. Dodge, Ph.D., Deborah Gorman-Smith, Ph.D., Mary Ann Pentz, Ph.D., Alexander Wagenaar, Ph.D.

2017 – Diana Fishbein, Ph.D., John E. Lochman, Ph.D., and Sharlene Wolchik, Ph.D.

2016 – Brian Flay, Ph.D. (deceased), Robert McMahon, Ph.D., and Steven Schinke, Ph.D. (deceased)

2015 – Linda M. Collins, Ph.D., Thomas Dishion, Ph.D. (deceased), John Graham, Ph.D. (emeritus), and Mark Greenberg, Ph.D. (emeritus)

2014 – C. Hendricks Brown, Ph.D., William B. Hansen, Ph.D., Elizabeth B. Robertson, Ph.D. (deceased), and Helene Raskin White, Ph.D. (emerita)

2013 – Gilbert J. Botvin, Ph.D. (emeritus), Patricia Chamberlain, Ph.D., J. David Hawkins, Ph.D. (emeritus), Sheppard G. Kellam, M.D. (emeritus), David P. MacKinnon, Ph.D., David L. Olds, Ph.D., Irwin N. Sandler, Ph.D. (emeritus), Zili Sloboda, Sc.D., Patrick H. Tolan, Ph.D. (emeritus).