

FAQ: ISEN Fellows and Distinguished Fellows Programs

General Questions

1. **What is the ISEN Fellows Program?**

The ISEN Fellows Program is an honorary designation recognizing members who have demonstrated extraordinary service to ISEN and made significant contributions to the field of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and other brain stimulation therapies.

2. **What is the ISEN Distinguished Fellows Program?**

The Distinguished Fellows Program is ISEN's highest level of recognition, awarded to individuals with at least 20 years of exceptional service to the field and sustained contributions to ISEN and the broader professional community.

Eligibility

1. **Who is eligible to apply for the ISEN Fellows Program?**

To be eligible for Fellowship, you must:

- Be a dues-paying ISEN member in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years.
- Have attended at least three (3) ISEN Annual Meetings.
- Be an active professional engaged in the field of ECT or related brain stimulation therapies.

2. **Who is eligible to apply for the ISEN Distinguished Fellows Program?**

To be eligible for Distinguished Fellowship, you must:

- Have at least 20 years of professional experience in ECT or related therapies.
- Be a dues-paying ISEN member in good standing for at least 10 years.
- Have attended at least six (6) ISEN Annual Meetings.
- Demonstrate sustained, extraordinary contributions to ISEN and the field, including leadership, research, clinical advancements, or mentorship.

Nomination Process

1. **How do I apply for the ISEN Fellows Program?**

Submit the following to [nomination email/portal link]:

- A letter describing how you meet the eligibility and selection criteria.
- One nomination letter from a current ISEN Fellow, Board Member, Committee Chair, or Executive Committee member.

2. **How do I apply for the ISEN Distinguished Fellows Program?**
Submit the following to [nomination email/portal link]:
 - A letter outlining your contributions to ISEN and the field, focusing on the eligibility and selection criteria.
 - One nomination letter from a current Distinguished Fellow, Board Member, Committee Chair, or Executive Committee member.
 - A current CV and evidence of contributions (e.g., publications, awards, testimonials).
3. **When are nominations due?**
 - Nominations for both programs are due by March 30, 2025.

Selection Process

1. **How are Fellows selected?**

Nominations for Fellowship are reviewed by the Membership Committee using a standardized scoring rubric. The committee's recommendations are submitted to the ISEN Board of Directors for final approval.
2. **How are Distinguished Fellows selected?**

The Distinguished Fellows Selection Committee reviews nominations based on a scoring rubric. Final recommendations are submitted to the ISEN Board of Directors, which votes on the nominees.

Recognition and Benefits

1. **What are the benefits of becoming an ISEN Fellow?**

Fellows receive:

 - Formal recognition at the ISEN Annual Meeting Reception.
 - A certificate and an ISEN Fellows lapel pin.
 - Opportunities to serve in advisory roles or as speakers at ISEN events.
 - Mentorship opportunities to support emerging professionals.
 - Permanent recognition on the ISEN website.
2. **What are the benefits of becoming an ISEN Distinguished Fellow?**

Distinguished Fellows receive:

 - Recognition as ISEN's highest honor.
 - Induction and complimentary admission to a special ceremony during the Annual Meeting Reception.
 - A Distinguished Fellows medallion and a Certificate of Recognition.
 - Complimentary registration for the Annual Meeting in their induction year.
 - Opportunities to serve in advisory roles and as faculty for ISEN events.
 - Mentorship opportunities to support emerging professionals.
 - Free access to ISEN Webinars.
 - Permanent recognition on the ISEN website with a dedicated profile.

Other Questions

1. **Can I nominate someone else for these programs?**

Yes! Current Fellows, Distinguished Fellows, or ISEN Board/Committee members are encouraged to nominate eligible members by submitting a letter of support.

2. **Can ISEN revoke Fellowship status?**

Yes. The ISEN Board reserves the right to rescind Fellowship or Distinguished Fellowship status by majority vote if a member is determined to no longer embody the values and professional standards of an ISEN Fellow or Distinguished Fellow.

3. **How can I learn more?**

For additional information, please contact contact@isen-ect.org.