

ISEN Distinguished Fellows Program Criteria

Purpose:

The **Distinguished Fellows Program** will recognize members who have demonstrated 20+ years of extraordinary service to the field of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and other brain stimulation therapies, with sustained contributions to ISEN and the broader professional community.

Eligibility Criteria:

To apply for Distinguished Fellow status, candidates must:

1. Have at least 20 years of professional experience in the field of ECT or related brain stimulation therapies.
2. Continue to be a dues-paying member of ISEN in good standing for a minimum of 10 years.
3. Be a current member in good standing at the time of nomination.
4. Have attended at least six (6) ISEN Annual Meetings.
5. Have a record of sustained, extraordinary contributions to ISEN and/or the field of ECT, including but not limited to:
 - Leadership roles within ISEN (e.g., serving as an Officer, Executive Committee member, or Committee Chair).
 - Significant academic or clinical contributions recognized internationally.
 - Mentorship of early-career professionals in the field.

Selection Criteria:

Nominations for Distinguished Fellow status will be evaluated based on the following:

Primary Criterion:

1. **Sustained Service to ISEN:** Demonstrated ongoing commitment to advancing the mission of ISEN through leadership roles, committee involvement, or strategic contributions to organizational growth.

Secondary Criterion:

1. **Long-Term Impact in the Field:**
 - Pioneering or groundbreaking research in ECT or other brain stimulation therapies.
 - Internationally recognized leadership or advocacy for ECT/neurostimulation.
 - Substantial clinical advancements improving patient care and outcomes.
2. **Professional Mentorship and Advocacy:**
 - Consistent mentorship of professionals entering or advancing in the field.
 - Advocacy efforts promoting ethical and evidence-based practices in ECT.

Nomination Process:

1. **Nomination Form**
2. **Nominations**
 - Applicants must be initiated by a current Distinguished Fellow, Fellow Board Member, Committee Chair, or Executive Committee Member of ISEN.
3. **Supporting Documentation**
 - Curriculum vitae or professional resume.
 - Evidence of contributions (e.g., publications, awards, testimonials, committee service records).

Selection Process:

1. Nominations will be reviewed by the ISEN Membership Committee.
2. The Committee will evaluate nominations using a standardized scoring rubric.
3. Successful applicants will be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Recognition and Benefits:

1. Induction at a special ceremony during the ISEN Annual Meeting Reception.
2. Permanent recognition on the ISEN website, including a profile of each Distinguished Fellow.
3. Distinguished Fellows receive:
 - A unique Distinguished Fellows medallion.
 - Certificate of Recognition.
 - Opportunities to serve in advisory roles or as speakers at ISEN events.
 - Complimentary access to ISEN webinars.

ISEN Board Discretion:

The ISEN Board reserves the right to rescind 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.

Applicants must receive their awards in person at the ISEN Annual Meeting.