

SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY

Distinguished Fellows Designation Criteria

Distinguished Fellow designation of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) shall be bestowed upon active or corresponding members who are vascular surgeons and who distinguish themselves in a sustained manner by making substantial contributions in two of three categories: research, service, or education.

Procedure:

1. The Distinguished Fellows Council shall serve as a Selection Committee.
2. One Distinguished Fellow of the Society shall sponsor and two Distinguished Fellows shall endorse the application. Letters from all three Distinguished Fellows shall vouch for the applicant's character, professional integrity, and standing in the community of vascular surgeons.
3. The applicant is responsible for the completion of the application, which includes: a completed application form that can be obtained from the Society's offices in Chicago or on the web site (www.vascularweb.org), a detailed CV, the three letters of support, and any additional documentation that the applicant wishes to submit.
4. The letters of support shall outline the eligibility of the applicant in the following areas:
 - a. General criteria**
 - Contributions must be sustained.
 - There must be broad recognition of excellence and competence.
 - Peer-reviewed publications are expected.
 - The Committee shall invite independent reviews as it sees fit.
 - b. Research and Scholarly activities**
 - Original basic and/or clinical contributions that advance the field of vascular surgery
 - Publications in peer-reviewed, quality journals
 - Continued grant support or research awards
 - Independent investigation
 - Membership on grants review panel or editorial boards
 - Invited lectures and visiting professorships
 - c. Professional service**
 - Innovation (technique or concept)
 - Exemplary role model
 - Leadership positions in regional or other national vascular societies

d. Education

- Evidence of ongoing academic productivity
 - Formal evaluation, awards
 - Publications on issues dealing with education
 - Academic rank will be considered
 - Track record of mentoring
5. Applications are due February 1st and should be sent to the attention of the Fellows Council Chair at the SVS headquarters office in Chicago. Electronic submission of application and supporting documentation is strongly encouraged.
 6. The Executive Director of the SVS shall send the names of all applicants with completed applications to all Distinguished Fellows for review and request positive or negative comments to be sent to the Chicago offices of the SVS prior to the annual meeting.
 7. In their deliberations, Council members may seek information regarding the applicants from individuals that may have first hand knowledge of their qualifications.
 8. The Fellows Council shall examine all applications and comments received and make the final decision on the applicants that shall be presented before the SVS fellows at their annual meeting for a vote.
 9. Those applicants elected by a majority of the votes of the Fellows present at the annual meeting shall become Distinguished Fellows of the Society of Vascular Surgery
 10. In the next annual meeting of the Fellows, the new Distinguished Fellows shall be introduced and given their certificate signed by the President of the SVS and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Distinguished Fellows Council. When the new Fellows are introduced, their sponsors shall briefly describe their accomplishments before the Fellows present.
 11. All correspondence shall be addressed to “Chair of Fellows Council” and sent to the Society offices in Chicago at the following address:
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24th Floor
Chicago, IL 60611