



Invitation for Nominations

2027 Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award

Dear APsA Candidates and Institute/Center Leadership,

We are pleased to invite nominations for the 2027 APsA Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award, which recognizes faculty who teach candidates at APsA institutes and centers. As a candidate-driven award, we ask candidates to make the nominations collaboratively with institute or center faculty. The Award Committee will consider creativity, substance, and impact of teaching of candidates.

The Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award specifically recognizes the teaching of candidates and is distinct from the Edith Sabshin Teaching Award for excellence in psychoanalytic teaching of non-candidates. In 2024, the Candidates' Council voted to name the award in honor of Wendy Jacobson, M.D. to thank her for her contributions to psychoanalytic education. To promote excellence in teaching, Dr. Jacobson in turn generously endowed both this award and the Edith Sabshin Teaching Award. Because of her endowment, two winners will be selected for this award annually and awarded \$2,500 each along with the honor of presenting at the annual meeting.

The now designated Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award will adopt a new open nomination process beginning with the 2027 award cycle to encourage broader recognition of fine teaching. Please see the nomination guidelines below. Nominations will be due June 1, 2026. We hope this will give you ample time to consider worthy nominees.

Winners will join the distinguished ranks of past awardees who include: Robert Michels, M.D. (2015), Lyle Rosnick, M.D. (2016), Anton Kris, M.D. (2017), Glen Gabbard, M.D. (2018), Aisha Abbasi, M.D. (2019), Adrienne Harris, Ph.D. (2020), Dionne Powell, M.D. (2021), Melvin Bornstein, M.D. (2022), Salman Akhtar, M.D. (2023), Lena Ehrlich, Psy.D. (2024), Wendy Jacobson, M.D. (2025), and Fred Busch, Ph.D. (2026).

Cordially,

Konstantinos Taliouridis, Ph.D., Psy.D., MBA
President, APsA Candidates' Council

Nomination Guidelines

Candidates are invited to nominate a member of your Institute or Center for the 2027 APsA Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award. This Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions as educators of psychoanalytic candidates.

The objectives of this award are to 1) encourage excellence, engagement, and innovation in classroom teaching at institutes and centers; 2) acknowledge and reward gifted teachers; and 3) disseminate innovative curriculum development and effective approaches to teaching amongst psychoanalytic institutes and centers. Nominees for this award may be newer or less experienced teachers in addition to more senior ones, and must be members of APsA.

The award will be granted annually to two recipients from different institutes/centers. Recipients will receive commemoration and a cash award recognizing this achievement, and present a collaborative session demonstrating teaching excellence at the APsA National Meeting.

To make a nomination, please submit:

1. A letter of nomination (maximum of 2 pages) from the Candidate body at your Institute or Center that describes the individual's fulfillment of the following requirements:
 - a. A description of their teaching style that embodies the essence of educational excellence;
 - b. The letter should specifically address: Teaching Effectiveness; Innovative Teaching Methods; Learner Engagement; Feedback and Assessment; Applicability to Practice and Sociocultural Surround.
 - c. Names of courses/programs and dates of teaching psychoanalytic candidates.

2. Supporting Materials (optional): Class Outline, Syllabi, Class Transcript, etc. (maximum of 10 pages).

Submissions must be received at the National Office by June 1, 2026.

The institute/center submission should be addressed to Amanda Exman, Psy.D., LP, Chair, Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award, and emailed to Tina Faison tfaison@apsa.org at the APsA National Office.

Additional Guidelines:

Nominations should originate with candidates. Faculty and administrators are encouraged to promote this award with candidates, but the candidates must be the ones putting forth the nomination.

The selection process will be blinded for the selection committee. Please submit a cover sheet that includes the nominee's name and contact information, candidate nominator name(s) and contact information, institute/center name. Nominators should blind the rest of the application as to nominee's name, candidate nominator name(s), institute/center name and location, age, gender and race. Please use phrases such as "this instructor" or "this teacher" rather than "he" or "she."

Nomination packets should be submitted to your institute/center administrator for review to ensure information is blinded and complete.

If an administrator receives more than one packet, the material should be returned to the candidates nominating the individuals and they can decide which nominee to put forward for the current year. Only one packet per institute/center will be accepted.

Questions should be directed to Amanda Exman at amanda.exman@gmail.com with subject line: Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award.

Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award Committee

Mission:

The APsA Wendy Jacobson Candidates' Council Teaching Award Committee's mission is to recognize and celebrate distinguished educators who inspire candidates through their ability to: deepen understanding of psychoanalytic concepts and theories of mind; cultivate creative, flexible, and compassionate thinking in clinical and theoretical contexts; spark a passion for lifelong learning; and empower their learners through transformative teaching.

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