Advancing to ACP Fellowship

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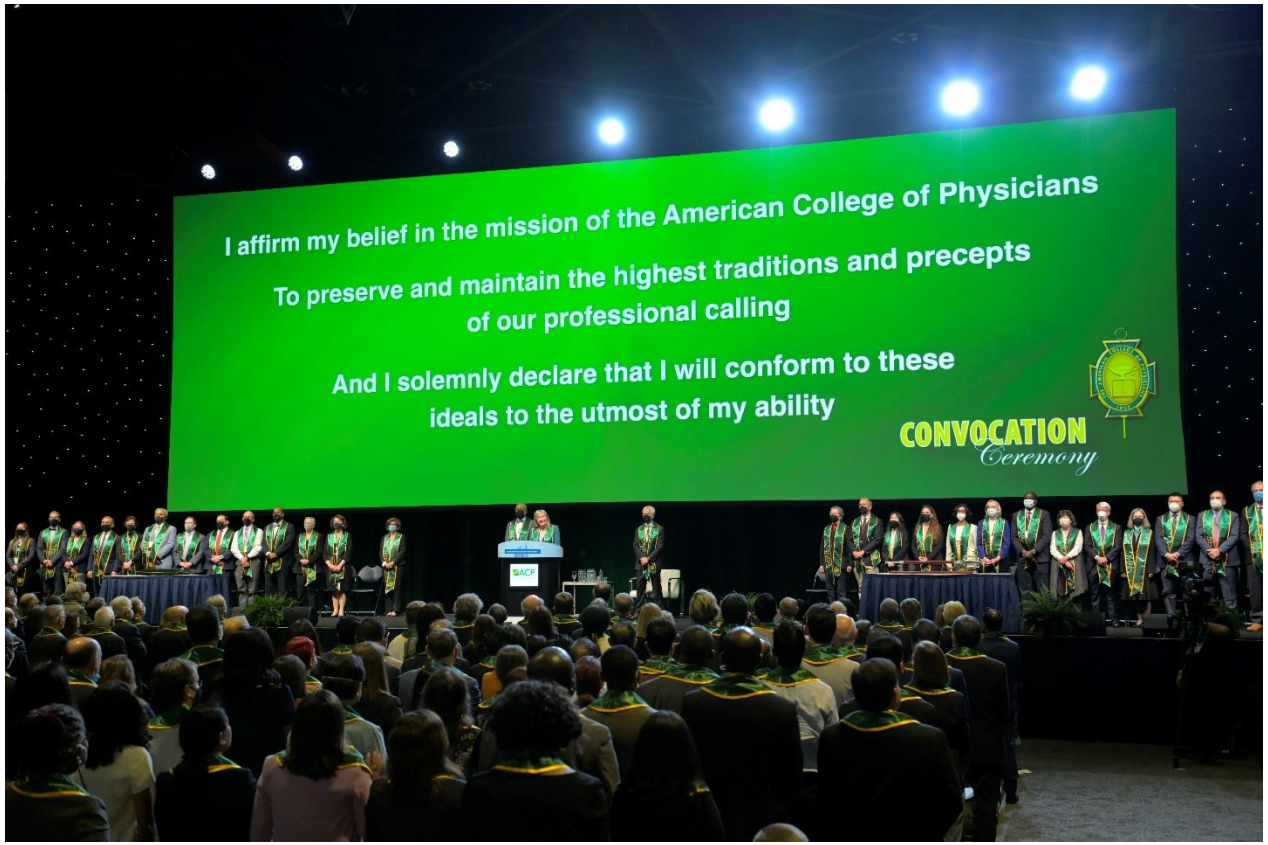


What is ACP Fellowship?

- A peer-reviewed credential that serves as a public reflection of excellence in internal medicine
- Signifies an ongoing dedication to the profession of internal medicine, the patients we care for, and the communities we serve

Why should I consider FACP?

- Join a distinguished community of internal medicine physicians from a variety of different career paths and practice settings
- Increased professional credibility
- Adds value to your CV, your promotions package, and opens doors to new career development opportunities
- FACP's are eligible for chapter and national leadership positions at the ACP

Who are ACP Fellows?

- **31,000 Fellows around the globe exemplifying ACP's mission and goals in their professional lives by**:
  - Upholding the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals
  - Advancing the profession of Internal Medicine to reduce health disparities and improve outcomes
  - Advocating responsible positions in health and public policy
  - Educating patients, families, communities allied health professionals, physicians, trainees and key stakeholders in healthcare

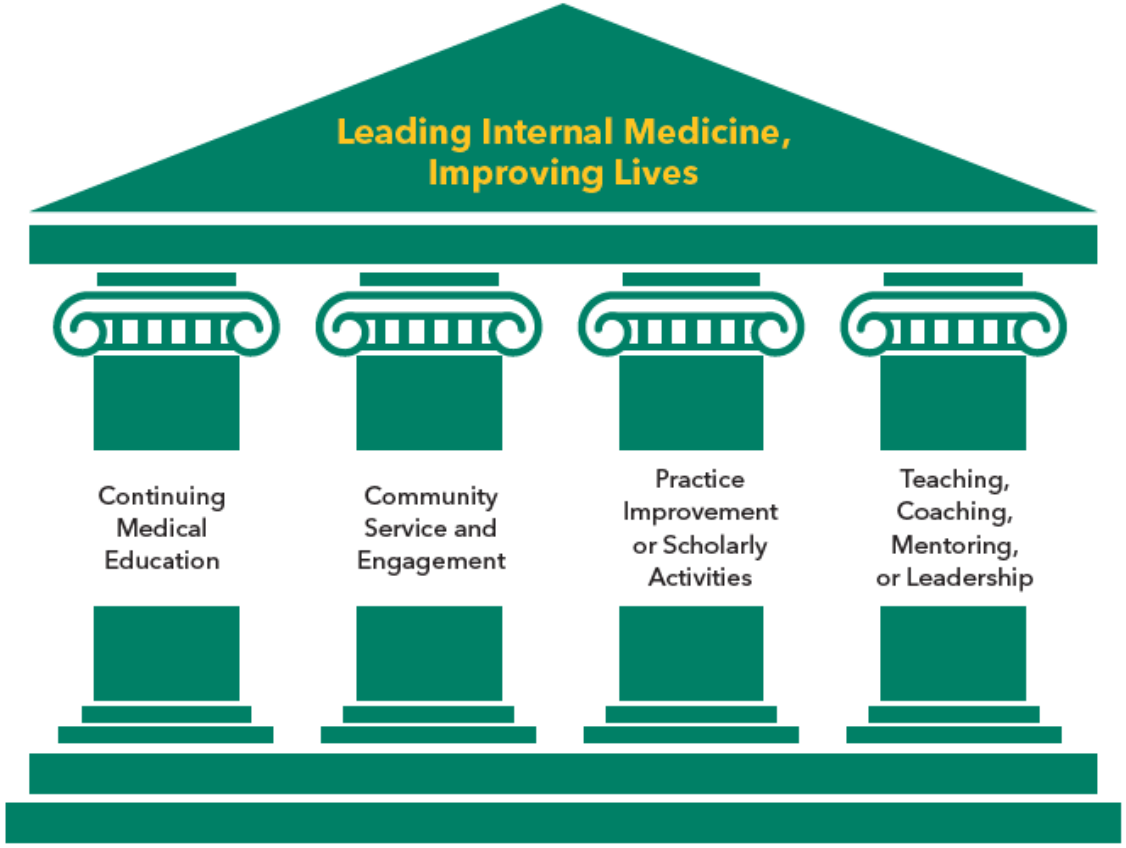
Requirements for ACP Fellowship

Core Requirements for ACP Fellowship

- Initial board certification in internal medicine or neurology (ABIM, AOBIM, ABPN or equivalent)
- ACP member in practice or a subspecialty fellowship for at least 3 years since the completion of residency
- Dues must be paid for at least 3 of the last 4 years (current dues must be paid)
- Professional activity in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, the subspecialties of internal medicine, or neurology
- Active medical license in good standing (if in practice)

Additional Requirements for ACP Fellowship

- Participation in at least three of the four pillars of Fellowship



The four pillars of Fellowship

Applying for ACP Fellowship

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Applications must be complete and include the following before review and consideration:

- Completed application
- Sponsoring letter or form from a current MACP or FACP
- Updated CV
- $175 Fellowship initiation fee

Sponsorship Letter

- Each application requires a sponsoring letter or form

- Sponsor must be a current FACP or MACP
  - The ACP Governor of your current ACP Chapter cannot act as a sponsor
  - A family member cannot act as a sponsor

- A list of eligible sponsors may be obtained at www.acponline.org/membership

- Sponsorship letter/form should highlight special accomplishments, leadership qualities, or professional values

Options Available for Sponsors

- Download a PDF sponsorship form, complete it, and give to applicant to enclose or upload with Fellowship application
- (E)Mail a letter directly to ACP or facp@acponline.org
- Complete the endorsement electronically on ACP Online
  - Sponsor needs to log in, and supply the name, city, and state of the candidate

Updating Your CV: Sample CV

- Document the following post-training activities:

1. Continuing Medical Education
2. Community Engagement and Community Service
3. Practice Improvement or Scholarly Activities
4. Teaching, Coaching, Mentoring or Leadership

Two Ways to Apply for ACP Fellowship

1. Apply electronically at www.acponline.org/facp
   - Auto-populates with your contact information, training information, and ACP CME activities
   - Upload your CV
   - Upload your sponsor letter

2. Use paper application form and mail to ACP
   - Include copy of your CV
   - Include your sponsor letter

ACP Fellowship Application Timeline

- Elections are held 5 times each year
  - July, September, November, January, and March
- The peer review process takes approximately 8-10 weeks
- Some applications may require review at a Credentials Committee meeting, which are held twice each year
  - May and November

Possible Challenges

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- Cannot locate local FACP or MACP to act as a sponsor
  - ACP chapters can help
  - International members without chapters can contact ACP for help
- Lack of initial board certification

Overcoming the Challenges

- ACP and your chapter governor can connect you with a sponsor in your region
- Participate in ACP activities, such as local chapter meetings, annual ACP Internal Medicine Meetings, and MKSAP
- Reapply for ACP Fellowship
  - Members < 3 years should reapply after membership > 3 years
- Take advantage of opportunities to teach, serve on hospital/university committees, participate in community service projects and initiatives, assume leadership responsibilities

Unsuccessful candidates are notified in writing
and given specific instructions on steps to qualify in the future.

Achieving FACP

Convocation Ceremony

New Fellows are invited to participate in the Convocation Ceremony at the annual ACP Internal Medicine Meeting

April 18, 2024: Boston, MA

April 3, 2025: New Orleans, LA

FACP

- ACP Fellows may use the credential **FACP**
- Membership must remain current
- Uphold the responsibilities of an ACP Fellow

Frequently Asked Questions

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- Who reviews my application?
  - ACP staff, your ACP Governor, and the ACP Credentials Committee
- How can I identify a sponsor for my application?
  - ACP members may locate potential sponsors in the Membership Directory on ACP Online or by asking the governor of your local chapter
- What if I need more help?
    - www.acponline.org/facp
    - facp@acponline.org

Additional Questions?
Thank you!
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