MISSION STATEMENT

The American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry will advance medicine and the practice of psychiatry through:

- Strengthening its membership by enhancing the skills and effectiveness of leaders;
- Providing a forum for the development and exchange of ideas and information;
- Promoting excellence in psychiatric education, research, and clinical care;
- Advocating for health policy to create appropriate psychiatric care for all.

Qualifications of Membership:

One psychiatrist representing each accredited medical school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada is eligible for voting membership in this Association. The school must be accredited in the United States and Puerto Rico by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and in Canada by the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. Chair members from Canadian schools shall have all privileges of membership. The psychiatrist must be the current chair or acting chair of the department of psychiatry or the one person designated by the chief academic/administrative office of the medical school (dean) as the administrative head of the department or division of psychiatry in the school.

A psychiatrist becomes a member of this Association by being appointed chair of a department of psychiatry through an accredited school, with the endorsement of the Executive Council, and upon payment of membership dues. In the event of multiple chairs from a single medical school, each is required to pay dues to activate membership.

Current Association members who are in good standing may nominate one vice-chair or associate chair from their department to become a non-voting member of this Association.
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Meetings—AACDP meets in conjunction with the Association for Academic Psychiatry (AAP) in the fall and in conjunction with the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in May.

Awards

APA/AACDP Research Mentorship Award--this award is a jointly sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry. The award honors an academic psychiatrist who has fostered the pursuit of student research in a significant manner within his/her university department.

Leadership Award-awarded to an AACDP member for his/her outstanding leadership, mentorship and guidance to the field of psychiatry

Presidential Award for Distinguished Achievement--Select an International or North American psychiatrist of outstanding accomplishment in research or policy to be selected as the recipient of the Presidential Award for Distinguished Achievement of the AACDP. The individual selected will be invited to our May meeting, receive an award from the AACDP including election to Honorary Membership and be asked to deliver a plenary lecture. It is the hope of the Executive Council that this will be an opportunity to broaden our scientific horizons especially in a rapidly globalizing world.
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