



Society of Interventional Radiology Policy FSIR Eligibility for Associate Members

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Background

Prior to March 2018, SIR Fellowship status (FSIR) was eligible to SIR Active Members and SIR Corresponding Members.

The SIR bylaws approved in March 2018 and approved by the SIR Fellowship in March 2019 included a change in SIR membership classifications, including the change of SIR Fellowship from a membership category to a designation that may be awarded to SIR members who have made significant contribution(s) to the field of IR and to the Society. This designation is applicable any SIR member who meets criteria set by the Fellows Affairs' Committee.

In accordance with the bylaws, the Fellows' Affairs Committee has created an eligibility policy for SIR Associate Members, including:

- International Associates (formerly Corresponding Member)
- Physician Associates (formerly Associate Members)
- Non Physician Associates (formerly Clinical Associate Members)

Fellowship Eligibility for Associate Members:

As outlined in the Society of Interventional Radiology Bylaws, the designation of Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology, or FSIR, may be awarded to SIR members who have made significant contribution(s) to the field of IR and to the Society. There will be no limit on the number of Fellows. The requirements for FSIR designation for Associate Members are as follows:

- FSIR candidates shall have been a Member or Associate Member in good standing of the Society for at least eight contiguous years.
- The candidate shall have made a significant contribution to the field of Interventional Radiology as well as contribution(s) to the Society as determined by the policy set forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee. When evaluating candidates for Fellowship, the Fellows Affairs' Committee shall review the totality of the candidate's contributions on behalf of Interventional Radiology and the Society. Fellowship shall be awarded based on a long and consistent history of activities.

International Associates:

- FSIR designation shall be eligible to those individuals who have been an Associate member in good standing for at least eight contiguous years and reside outside of the United States. They must meet the requirements regarding their contribution(s) to interventional radiology and the Society as put forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee.

Physician Associates:

- FSIR designation shall be eligible to physicians who have been an Associate member in good standing for at least eight contiguous years. They must meet the requirements regarding their contribution(s) to interventional radiology and the Society as put forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee.

Non-Physician Associates:

- FSIR designation shall be eligible to non-physicians who have been an Associate member in good standing for at least eight contiguous years. They must meet the requirements regarding their contribution(s) to interventional radiology and the Society as put forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee.

Scientist Associates:

- FSIR designation shall be eligible to scientists who have been an Associate member in good standing for at least eight contiguous years. They must meet the requirements regarding their contribution(s) to interventional radiology and the Society as put forth by the Fellows' Affairs Committee.

Policy on Criteria for Fellowship:

The candidate shall have made significant contributions to interventional radiology and shall have actively participated in the Society of Interventional Radiology. As a criterion for fellowship candidacy, the candidate shall have demonstrated some level of activity contributing to the work and mission of the Society. The level of SIR activity will be reviewed in conjunction with the candidate's overall contributions to the field of IR. The following areas of activity and achievement will be considered in review of the candidate's record.

A. Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Interventional Radiology:

1. The candidate shall have been the first or corresponding author of at least eight significant papers on interventional radiology subjects in major, peer-reviewed journals such as the JVIR, AND/OR
2. The candidate shall have a history of full-time supervision and training of medical students, residents and/or fellows in interventional radiology for a minimum of eight years, AND/OR

B. Outstanding Contributions to SIR/SIR Foundation:

1. The candidate shall have a strong history of Society leadership and participation.
 - a. Leadership roles within the SIR. For example, chairing committees or task forces, JVIR editorial position, CPT/RUC advisor for SIR
 - b. Leadership in educational activities of SIR. For example, moderator, workshop or course coordinator, Annual Scientific Meeting committee, coordinator for SIR-affiliated webinars or other SIR-affiliated CME medical conference, APDIR.
 - c. Exceptional leadership for SIR through service to IR in local, state, or national medical organizations (eg, AMA delegate for SIR, ACR delegate for SIR, SIR liaison for committees or workgroups with other societies)

Candidates may apply for fellowship under one or more of the above areas of activity and achievement. If applying under the criterion of Outstanding Contributions to the Society through SIR leadership roles, the level of societal activity would be expected to be at a leadership level. If applying under the criteria of Outstanding Contributions to the Specialty of Interventional Radiology, societal activity is expected but leadership-level roles may not be required. Examples of non-leadership roles that could be considered include: committee/task force member, JVIR reviewer, abstract reviewer,

development of educational materials, review/author of SIR-sponsored documents, presentations at SIR-affiliated CME activities.

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Supporting Documentation

Candidates for FSIR designation will provide the Fellows Affairs Committee with the following information for review:

- completed and submitted online application (Applicants will be able to save their progress and will be able to review the application before submitting.)
- a copy of CV
- a cover letter that includes documentation supporting and highlighting the criteria that you are applying under along with your accomplishments in IR and contributions to the Society
- Photocopy of certification
- 2 letters of recommendation from current FSIRs