**Call for Nominations for FAICP Class of 2024**

Election to the College of Fellows is one of the highest honors that the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) bestows upon a member. Fellows of AICP are honored in recognition of the achievements of the planner as an individual, elevating the Fellow before the public and the profession as a model planner who has made significant contributions to planning and society. Fellowship is granted to planners who have been members of AICP and have achieved excellence in one or more areas of professional practice, teaching, mentoring, research, and community service and leadership.

Preparing a nomination is a huge commitment of time and energy. If you are interested in becoming a Fellow:

* The first step is to review the **primary criteria** in the guidelines to determine if you qualify. Minimum requirements for eligibility include: being an AICP member for at least 10 years; being a member of AICP in good standing; and providing outstanding contributions to the profession over an extended period. Information on the full requirements and guidelines may be found at [2024 FAICP Nomination Guidelines](https://planning-org-uploaded-media.s3.amazonaws.com/document/d190186a-47a7-4bab-aa07-a6dbb795fa862024-FAICP-Nomination-Guidelines.pdf) .
* Consider the importance not only of having had an impact on communities, but also on having established a legacy in our profession. It is advisable to discuss with a senior colleague and/or FAICP whether your career is at the point where the impacts of your individual work can be seen and demonstrated to have established a legacy. If you would like to be connected with an FAICP, email our FAICP chair Lorna Parkins at faicpchair@apavirginia.com

The Virginia Chapter endorses selected Chapter AICP members who meet the qualifications to the College of Fellows for each nomination period. To secure nomination by the Chapter, a member must submit a letter outlining their significant contributions to the profession and why the Chapter should be the nominator.

Letters of Interest no more than 3 pages in length (and *not* a resume) should highlight evidence of exceptional planning practice and/or published research; Chapter involvement; leadership; innovation; and impacts/outcomes of these contributions to the profession. Please email your letter to faicpchair@apavirginia.com no later than February 27, 2023.

If selected, the Chapter will provide support by appointing an FAICP mentor to coach and provide informal mentoring advice. The primary responsibility to prepare the submittal package, which requires substantial work, rests with the nominee. Please review the submittal requirements in the guidelines document carefully. A draft nomination package must be completed by the end of July in order to make the deadline for submittal of the final nomination package by nominee(s) to APA for the 2022 Class on August 30, 2023. The applicants who are accepted as Fellows are expected to be notified by March 1, 2024 and will be inducted at the 2024 APA National Planning Conference. Please email any questions to faicpchair@apavirginia.com .