

American Psychological Association
The Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology

Dear Colleague:

You are invited to join all the other members of the APA's Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology (SBNCP) who share the common goal of advancing neuroscience and comparative psychology. SBNCP contributes to efforts that build public understanding of the role of nonhuman animal research in scientific and medical progress that benefits humans, nonhuman animals, global health and the environment.

Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology (SBNCP)

- Provides a traditional focus, identification, and network for all psychologists and other scientists, who are concerned with the biopsychosocial bases of behavior: Scientists, practitioners, educators, journalists, and those who fight the anguish of illness. All those who believe that biopsychological and animal behavior research will benefit humankind are welcome as members and contributors.
- Publishes a quality newsletter and maintains electronic mail communication to provide a sense of research-family and to achieve our goals.
- Cooperates with like-minded organizations to multiply our educational efforts through other APA divisions and societies: American Psychological Society, Comparative Cognition Society, International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, International Society for Comparative Psychology, Pavlovian Society, Society for Neuroscience, and many smaller specialty societies in sensation, perception, motivation, neuroendocrinology, learning, memory, and the treatment of psychological disorders.

Physiological Psychologists

- Research, integrate, and apply basic concepts of physiological junction through the study of organ systems, paramount among them the brain. By discovering the biological mechanisms behavior, scientists in this field contribute to the physical and mental health of people.

Comparative Psychologists

- Study the evolution and development of behavior with the goal of elucidating general principles of behavior which apply across the animal spectrum. Learning and adaptation to ecological and social constraints are primary subjects in this field that contributes to education and social understanding.

Neuroscientists

- Seek the brain mechanisms that underlie behavior and integrate information from multiple levels of analysis ranging from molecular biology to neural networks to explain the behavioral capacities of individuals.

You belong in SBNCP

- SBNCP is the branch of APA devoted to the study of behavior and the brain, other biological and physiological systems, and their impact on behavior. The focus is on animal behavior, comparative psychology, animal cognition, the underlying mechanisms and their applications in the service of humankind. If you are interested, you belong in the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology.

- **Behavioral Neuroscience** is one of the two APA journals that typifies the basic research approach of many members of the Society. Psychopharmacology, psychophysiology, psychoimmunology, neuropsychology, and molecular biology are all represented by SBNCP.
- **Journal of Comparative Psychology** is the APA journal for studies of the behavior of animals in relation to evolution, adaptation, and development. Research from SBNCP members includes ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, and developmental psychobiology as approaches to the understanding of psychology in the whole animal in the laboratory, the zoo, and in the wild.

Membership Information

- Requirement: Professional interest in the fields described, APA membership is not required.
- Free membership for one year. You will receive the SBNCP newsletter, email, and have full involvement in the Society.
- Faculty Affiliates who are not APA members will receive many of the same benefits as other members.
- After the dues-free year a SBNCP assessment will appear on your annual APA Dues statement or will be billed directly to nonmembers of APA. The following dues apply:
 - Students: FREE
 - Post-docs and faculty who are APA members: \$15
 - Post-docs and faculty who are not APA members: \$25
 - Life status members: FREE. However, payment of the non-member of \$15 or other donations are encouraged to support SBNCP.

Membership Categories of SBNCP

Fellow: Fellows of the Society are persons who have been elected Fellows by the American Psychological Association and who in addition satisfy the following requirements: (a) have five years of experience in behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology subsequent to a doctoral degree, (b) have publications of significant contributions in the field of behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology in addition to research carried out for the doctoral degree, (c) are actively engaged in research. The election of Fellows to the Society shall be upon nomination from the Fellowship Nomination Committee to the Executive Committee, which then approves each nomination at the annual Executive Committee meeting and submits the nominations to the membership at the annual Business Meeting. Fellows must be elected by a majority vote of the Fellows and Members attending the annual Business Meeting.

Member: Members are persons who: (a) are Members in the APA, (b) have an interest within the field of behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology, (c) and have been approved by the Membership and Growth Committee. Members are accepted by the APA on a monthly basis.

Affiliate: You do not have to be a member of the American Psychological Association to join the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology. Affiliates are persons who are not Members of the APA but whose qualifications otherwise are at least equivalent to those required for Member status in the Society. Affiliates are approved by the Membership and Growth Committee.

Student Affiliate: Student Affiliates are persons who: (a) are current graduate or undergraduate students with an expressed interest in behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology, (b) are sponsored by a Fellow or Member of SBNCP, (c) and are approved by the Membership and Growth Committee.

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www.psy.utexas.edu/apa-div6-app**

**Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology
Application for Membership**

(Membership is open to professionals and students with an interest in the goals and mission of the Society that is described on our website: <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-6/index.aspx>)

I am applying for membership in SBNCP as a(n). My status in APA is:

Fellow* _____ Member** _____ Post-Doc/Faculty Affiliate*** _____ Student Affiliate**** _____

*Applications for Fellow status will be reviewed by the Fellows Nominating Committee each fall.

**Members receive a free year of membership; in subsequent years dues will be \$15 and will be included in APA dues.

*** Post-Doc/Faculty Affiliates receive a free year of membership; in subsequent years dues will be \$25.

****Student affiliates are not charged dues.

Name: _____ Current Professional Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Fax: _____

My interests in the Society are: _____

Please tell us how you learned about SBNCP: _____

To be completed by applicants for **Membership**:

Year doctoral degree earned & institution _____

APA Membership Number: _____

APA Fellow (Y/N): _____

Do you have any students that we may contact regarding free membership (please include e-mail):

To be completed by applicants for **Post-Doc and Faculty Affiliates**:

Year doctoral degree earned & institution _____

To be completed by applicants for **Graduate and Undergraduate Student Affiliate**:

Degree and expected date of graduation: _____

Sponsor's Name (SBNCP Member or Fellow): _____

Faculty advisor's name (if different from sponsor): _____

Email address of faculty advisor: _____

List of Behavioral Neuroscience, Comparative Psychology, and related courses completed:

Return this form by fax, or regular post to:

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