



## AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows Program Class of 2026-2027 Applications Accepted Now Through February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Association for Academic Pathology's Leadership Development & Diversity Committee is pleased to welcome applicants for the 2026-2027 Class of AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows. The APLF program is suitable for mid-to-senior level faculty (assistant, preferably associate, professor level faculty) pursuing vice chair, director, chief or chair roles. This program will admit a limited number of participants, so the application process is expected to be competitive. No more than two participants will be selected from any one AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid). **The APLF Class of 2026-2027 will be selected from applications received by February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

### **AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Core Program:**

- Mentor matching with a senior leader of AAPath for year-round guidance
- Three exercises to develop self-promotion skills and career path awareness
- Monthly webinars covering key leadership topics, including:
  - Departmental Operations
  - Balancing the Academic & Service Missions of the Department
  - Advocacy: The Role of Pathologists
  - Modeling Effective Leadership
  - Self-Improvement & Growth
  - Diversity & Cultural Issues
  - Faculty Recruitment
  - Strategic Planning
  - Developing Emotional Intelligence
  - Understanding the Process of Evaluating Faculty & Giving Feedback

### **Plus, Two Live AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Workshops\*:**

- Day and a half program with workshops and lectures, led by experienced facilitators and senior AAPath members on personal growth and management issues such as:
  - Leading through Change
  - Overview of Pathology Department, Divisions, and Culture
  - Character Analysis
  - Time Management Strategies
  - Negotiation Principles and Techniques
  - Cultivating Empathy, Resiliency, and Trust
  - Budget and Business Case Exercises
  - Executing a Personal Strategic Plan

\* The 2026 APLF Workshop will be held on July 18-19, 2026 at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza in Boston, Massachusetts. The 2027 APLF Workshop will be held on July 17-18, 2027 at the Fairmont San Francisco in San Francisco, California. APLF Workshops immediately precede the AAPath Annual Meeting. AAPath Annual Meeting registration is not included in the APLF program, but it is open to Fellows and may be purchased separately. Note: APLF Workshops are small group events exclusive to the current and incoming APLF Program Fellows.



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### How to Apply

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**To submit an application, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026APLFAApplication>**

#### **Application Packages Will Include:**

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current curriculum vitae
- ✓ Letter of commitment from the department chair to support program participation time
- ✓ Letter of recommendation from the department chair or other reference in a high-level leadership role (may be combined with the letter of commitment, if coming from the same department chair)

#### **Application and Decision Timeline:**

- ❖ **Application deadline – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- ❖ **Applicant notification – Late March**

**Program Cost - \$4,500** (billed after notification of acceptance; due by July 1, 2026):

- **Includes the AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Core Program** (mentoring, webinars, and development exercises)
- **Includes Two Live AAPath Pathology Leadership Fellows (APLF) Workshops** (1.5 day program that include meals; does not include hotel, travel or AAPath Annual Meeting registration)

**For questions about the program, sponsoring Chairs are encouraged to contact AAPath's Leadership Development & Diversity Committee Chair or Vice Chair:**

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