

2026 International Advancement of the Practice of Behavior Analysis Award

Focus of the APBA International Advancement of the Practice of Behavior Analysis Award

The International Advancement of the Practice of Behavior Analysis Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the recognition of the profession and practice of behavior analysis outside of the United States. The award is delivered at the Annual APBA Convention. In 2026, the Awards ceremony will take place during the Convention March 12-14 in New Orleans.

The APBA Awards Committee reviews nominations and determine whether to recommend a recipient for consideration by the APBA Board of Directors. The APBA Board of Directors determines the recipient by majority vote.

Submission Requirements

Write a statement with specific illustrations and descriptions of how the individual's efforts resulted in recognition of behavior analysis as a profession in a country or region outside of the United States. Please refer to the eligibility criteria in the statement below that follows and describe specific, concrete accomplishments by the nominee that meet the criteria. Keep the statement to a maximum of 3 single-spaced pages.

Combine your statement AND the nominee's CV into a single PDF max size of 100MG. Complete the sections in this form and upload the PDF - incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

Nominees need not be behavior analysts, certified by the BACB, nor members of APBA.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria:

Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the recognition of the profession and practice of behavior analysis outside the United States may be nominated for the award. Qualifying contributions may include but are not limited to:
codifying the practice of behavior analysis in law or regulation;
obtaining regional or national recognition of the practice of behavior analysis as a distinct profession; or
developing training programs that have fostered increased recognition of the profession.

Evidence of qualifications for the award must accompany the nomination. Nominations must include specific illustrations and descriptions of how the individual's efforts resulted in recognition of behavior analysis as a profession in a country or region outside of the United States. Nominees need not be behavior analysts, certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, nor members of APBA. Current members of the APBA Board of Directors are not eligible.

The award recipient is invited to attend the 2026 APBA Convention (March 12-14, New Orleans) to accept the award.