



Fellow of Society and Vascular and Interventional Neurology (FSVIN) Application Details & Requirements

The Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology offers a program that denotes “letters” to recognize exceptional service, academic excellence, and leadership in the field of vascular and interventional neurology. This program is called Fellow of Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology. Individuals who meet the requirements of this Fellowship will add the letters, FSVIN, to their respective titles. A FSVIN candidate must meet the following criteria along with submitting the outlined items:

- Completed application form
- Current curriculum vitae
- A personal statement outlining the applicant’s reasons for applying
- A copy of the applicant’s primary certification which must be completed and up to date.
- Two written letters of recommendation from active SVIN members outlining why the applicant should be accepted as a fellow
- Applicant must be an active member of the Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology for a minimum of 3 years and must have attended at least 2 annual meetings. Details for these are required on the application.

The applications for fellowship will be reviewed by the Review Committee.

PERSONAL STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

FSVIN applicants must provide evidence that they participate in a team dedicated to the care and management of acutely ill cerebrovascular and neurological patients. Their participation must include daily rounding with a multidisciplinary team and the assumption of a leadership role (director of the unit, fellowship director, etc). Documentation of personal improvements to a previous or development of a de-novo team of activities is required.

Contributions to the field of vascular and interventional neurology must meet all 3 areas:

1. Program development

The applicant must display active participation in the development of an ICU or provide evidence that they have developed some structure of delivery of care to the applicants’ individual's institution. For those individuals that work at a pre-existing program, they must show improvements in these programs through the development of or improvement of any aspect of interventional neurology including clinical, educational, research, origin or administrative programs.

Examples for the above may include:

- Development of local, regional, or national interventional neurology educational symposium.
- Development of an ICU training program for fellows, residents, or physician extenders.
- Development of intensive care unit related research programs.
- Development of quality improvement initiatives in interventional neurology.

2. Scholarly activities related to vascular and interventional neurology.

This would include educational activity, research (either clinical or basic science) related to interventional neurology, and scientific publications. These activities should be beyond what is routinely expected in an applicant's job. For example, grand rounds or routine lectures given to residents or faculty would not be included.

Examples for the above would include:

- Regular lectures at a regional or national level. Should be documented in either the personal statement or curriculum vitae.
- Documentation of high quality teaching and education as documented by teaching awards.
- Development of regional/state/national educational symposium directly related to interventional neurology.
- Development of or organization of educational programs related to interventional neurology.
- Grants from local/regional/state/national agencies.
- Original scientific peer reviewed publications.
- Peer-reviewed or non peer-reviewed educational publications such as book chapters or review articles.
- Active participation in the development of evidence based clinical guidelines.

3. Leadership in the field of vascular and interventional neurology.

Activity in this area must include participation in leadership and organizations that are devoted to the education, practice, administration, and/or research in vascular and interventional neurology.

This means regional or national elected or selected positions. Some activity in the Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology is required however, active involvement in task forces or special contributions to committee work in other societies may be recognized. Activity in other neurological or neurosurgical societies can similarly be recognized.

Examples for the above would include:

- Section chair or directors in affiliated interventional, neurocritical care, neurological, or allied health societies.
- Committee chairmanships related to interventional care.
- Director of a task force related to interventional care
- Board membership in societies related to interventional care.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION PROCESS

For those individuals who cannot meet all requirements (i.e. bench researcher, retired clinician etc), a petition to the FSVIN Review Committee may be made to be evaluated under special exemption. These individuals must show exceptional achievements in one or several of these areas.

APPEAL PROCESS

If the applicant is deemed by the FSVIN Review Committee to have not met all requirements for FSVIN, the applicant will be notified by SVIN with the reason(s) why admission was denied.

An applicant may appeal the initial decision if they feel they can provide additional information that may change the decision by the FSVIN Review Committee. Appeal requests must be received by SVIN within 30

days of the date of the initial rejection letter. The request should include a letter of appeal and complete information showing FSVIN eligibility. The FSVIN Review Committee will reevaluate the appeal and if the Committee still feels that the applicant has not met all requirements, the appeal along with the initial application will be forwarded to the SVIN Board of Directors for a final review. If the Board of Directors denies the appeal, the applicant will have to reapply after a period of one year from the initial date of application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please [click here](#) to complete the online application process.

Questions?

Please contact the SVIN Executive Office at (952) 646-2045 or email info@svin.org.

All of the required materials, including the two letters of recommendation, must be submitted at one time in the submission system.