

Description of AVAPL Awards

Antonette Zeiss Distinguished Leadership Award

The Antonette Zeiss Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes VA psychologists who:

- Demonstrate expert leadership throughout their career in support of Psychology's unique role in providing health care for Veterans
- Remain strong advocates for VA Psychology, especially in times of adversity
- Have multiple significant accomplishments over the course of a career or in the course of ongoing career endeavors.

AVAPL Leadership Award

The AVAPL Leadership Award recognizes VA psychologists who:

- Have demonstrated superb leadership skills
- Advocate for the profession
- Hold primary and/or secondary leadership roles (e.g., service chief, network MH liaison, or VISN Director as well local program directors/front-line staff)
- Are mentors, team leaders, role models, the "go to" people in a time of crisis

AVAPL Professional Service Award

The AVAPL Professional Service award recognizes VA psychologists who:

- Excel in providing services to our veterans
- Are positive role models for others to follow
- Are innovative and creative
- Contribute to the evidence base for effective psychological intervention

AVAPL Special Contribution Award

The AVAPL Special Contribution Award recognizes VA psychologists who, for example:

- Take on an extra duty
- Work on special projects
- Contribute to multiple professional organizations

The James Besyner Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to VA Psychology (Nominees should be no more than seven years post doctoral degree)

The James Besyner Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions to VA Psychology award honors a VA psychologist for distinguished early career contribution who may, for example:

- Promote the practice of clinical psychology through professional service
- Develop innovations in service delivery
- Utilizes a novel application of applied research methodologies to professional practice
- Has a positive impact on health delivery systems
- Develops creative educational programs for practice or other novel activities advancing VA Psychology.