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APEX Fellowship 2027 Program

2027 PROGRAM INFORMATION

THE ACADEMIC PATHOLOGY EXECUTIVES SECTION (APEX) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM provides an opportunity for emerging and new pathology executives (Affiliate APEX members) to attend the APEX Program at the Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath) 2027 Annual Meeting at the Fairmont San Francisco in San Francisco, CA, with funding that covers the APEX meeting registration. **A commitment from the department to provide related travel costs for the recipient is required.*

HISTORY: In 2019, senior APEX members recognized that pathology departments would be undergoing transitions in departmental executives due to an upcoming generational retirement of current APEX members. In identifying this need for emerging pathology department executives to remain an important force in academic pathology administration, an "Associate" (now "Affiliate") member category in the APEX Section was established to include an avenue for non-senior/chief department executives to gain insight and mentoring from the network of APEX members, especially via listserv discussions and by attending the APEX Program at the AAPath Annual Meeting. The APEX Fellowship Program was then initially conceptualized and supported as part of a Society of '67 fundraising challenge by an anonymous donor in 2019. The launch of the program in 2021 was accelerated by a generous donation in 2020 from PDM, a Coronis Health Company.

THE 2027 SOCIETY OF '67 APEX FELLOWS WILL:

- *receive an immersive experience on topics for managing the departmental missions of **academic pathology practice,** medical education, and research;*
- *learn about **models and strategies** in administrative operations for pathology and laboratory medicine stakeholders; and*
- *interact with our community of **academic pathology executives** bringing a network of professional support and resources.*

REQUIREMENTS OF APEX FELLOWS:

- attend the APEX Program at the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting, July 18-21, 2027;
- participate in designated APEX Fellow activities, starting on Sunday, July 18, 2027;
- participate in the Awards Program during the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting;
- be recognized as a Society of '67 APEX Fellow throughout the program (in person, print, and photos);
- provide a post-conference brief report of their experiences; and
- comply with the AAPath Code of Conduct throughout the meeting.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT: https://www.academicpathology.org/apex-fellowship-program

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Affiliate APEX Members are eligible to apply. Refer to the APEX Operating Procedures for information about Affiliate membership in the APEX Section. To learn how to join the APEX Section through your department's AAPath membership, visit: https://www.academicpathology.org/apex.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DETAILS: A joint Letter of Recommendation from the Department Chair and APEX member must be submitted no later than the December 31st deadline, either directly by the person writing your letter to our Awards email (awards@academicpathology.org), or if you are given a copy, uploaded into this online application form. Please be sure to have the Chair and APEX member include in the letter:

- Why you are deserving of this APEX Fellow Award, including leadership potential, credibility, demonstration of inclusive leadership, technical accomplishments, and community service;
- Permission to travel and attend the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting from Sunday, July 18 through Wednesday, July 21, 2027; and
- Commitment to support travel expenses (air, ground, non-conference meals, etc.). The Society of '67 award will only provide the APEX meeting registration (valued at ~$1300).

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST: Complete this **online application form** that includes uploading your:

1. **Resume/CV;**
2. **Joint Letter of Recommendation,** if you are given a copy, OR request the persons writing your letter of recommendation to submit by email directly to our Awards email (awards@academicpathology.org) no later than the deadline; and
3. **Headshot photo** at 600x600 pixels (jpeg or png format, <10MB).

DEADLINE: Thursday, December 31, 2026 **NOTIFICATIONS:** April 2027

QUESTIONS? Visit: www.academicpathology.org/apex-fellowship-program or contact the Awards team at: awards@academicpathology.org or 302.660.4942.

Marty Lawlor Designation

Martin ("Marty") Lawlor was a highly respected administrator, leader, mentor, and friend within the APEX (formerly PDAS) community of the Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath). He dedicated over a decade in multiple administrative roles for the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Services at UCLA. In 2007, he became the Chief Department Administrator for the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan, a position he held until his untimely passing in September 2021. Marty was instrumental in establishing the foundation for what is now the APEX Section of the AAPath.

In recognition of Marty's steadfast commitment to mentorship and professional development, the APEX Council established in 2021 that one of the annual Society of '67 APEX Fellowship Award recipients would be designated as the "Society of '67 Marty Lawlor APEX Fellow." The honoree is selected by the APEX Council based on qualities that Marty exemplified and fostered: leadership potential, credibility, inclusive leadership, accomplishments, and dedication to community service. Through this enduring recognition, Marty's legacy of mentorship and his contributions to the advancement of academic pathology administration will continue to inspire and shape future generations of administrative leaders.

If you wish to be considered for this designation, please indicate this in Question 8 on the next page. Be sure to address these characteristics in your responses and ask your Letter of Recommendation writers to highlight them in their letter.

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APPLICATION FORM

* 1. Applicant Contact Information:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Email Address:	
Institution/Affiliation (do not abbreviate):	
City:	
State:	
Immediate Supervisor Name:	
Immediate Supervisor Email Address:	

In your responses below, please be sure to include evidence of leadership, contributions, and service to advance the profession.

* 2. **What are your career goals?**

* 3. **Why are you interested and what do you expect to achieve in attending and participating as an APEX Fellow in the AAPath Annual Meeting?**

* 4. **What are your interests in academic pathology?**

5. **Indicate if you are a member of, or involved at a leadership level in, any other university or outside pathology groups (e.g., MGMA, AAPath/APEX, etc.)**

* 6. Please upload your resume/CV (10MB max as a .pdf, .doc, or .docx).

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Fellow_CV.pdf

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* 7. Please upload a headshot photo at 600x600 pixels.

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Fellow_Photo.jpeg

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* 8. Do you wish to be considered for the "Marty Lawlor" designation as selected by APEX Council based on characteristics that include leadership potential, credibility, inclusive leadership, accomplishments, and dedication to community service?

- ◯ Yes - Please be sure to include in your responses above and request your Letter of Recommendation writers to highlight those specific characteristics in their letter.
- ◯ No - I'll strive to develop those characteristics, but I am still early in my career.

Comments, if any:

* 9. **Joint Letter of Recommendation:**

Letters must include (1) why you are deserving of this award, including leadership potential, credibility, demonstration of inclusive leadership, technical accomplishments, and community service; (2) permission to attend the AAPath 2027 Annual Meeting; and (3) a commitment from the department, institution, or some other mechanism to support your travel expenses.

The Letter of Recommendation must be submitted by one of the authors no later than December 31st directly to our Awards email at: awards@academicpathology.org or, if you are given a copy, uploaded below when you complete this online form.

Please indicate the full names and email addresses for both your Department Chair and APEX member who are submitting a joint Letter of Recommendation on your behalf.

Department Chair Full Name, Degree(s):

Department Chair email address:

APEX Member Full Name:

APEX Member email address:

10. If you are given a copy of your Letter of Recommendation, please upload. Otherwise, please request from your Department Chair or Executive (APEX Member) that the letter be emailed directly to our Awards email at: awards@academicpathology.org by the December 31st deadline.

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Fellow_LOR.pdf

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