

APTA CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

What is the purpose of the program?

The APTA Centennial Scholars Program is designed to build a cadre of future association leaders at the component and national levels. Demonstrating APTA's investment in the sustainability of the association as it begins its next 100 years, the program will support our collective quest for a diverse and prepared leadership pool.

Program Description

The 12-month program will run throughout 2021 with a goal of engaging 100 scholars, including the goal of at least one scholar sponsored by each of APTA's 71 components. The curriculum will cover association leadership and management topics and be delivered through three face-to-face meetings and regularly scheduled virtual learning experiences. Additionally, scholars will work directly with their sponsoring components or stakeholders to design and complete a capstone project that addresses an existing need as determined by the component. Scholars will also benefit from the guidance of Centennial Scholar mentors who will work directly with the scholars in small groups to support the completion of their projects.

What are the benefits of the program to the participants?

Benefits for Scholars

- Expand awareness of issues and challenges facing APTA and the association community
- Increase leadership skills and recognize arenas in which unique contributions may be applied
- Make an immediate positive impact through capstone projects
- Network with fellow APTA leaders on a personal and professional level

How will a centennial scholar be selected?

The Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy will sponsor one Centennial Scholar to be chosen through an application process. Applicants will choose a capstone project that encapsulates the mission statement of the Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy and demonstrates direct value to the membership of the Academy.

- Mission Statement: “Our mission is to champion aquatic physical therapy to optimize lifelong movement, function, and wellness”

Who is eligible to be scholar?

- Any current Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy member including PT’s, PTA’s, and students in good standing is eligible to be a scholar.
- Scholars must commit to attend the three mandatory in-person events and the virtual learning experiences; all participant fees, travel, and lodging will be covered through the Centennial Scholar Program.
- Intention to serve as a volunteer leader in the Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy for 3-5 years following the completion of the Centennial Scholar Program.

Key Dates to Keep in Mind

- September-December 2020: Scholars begin working with their sponsors to define capstone projects
- January 16, 2021: First meeting of scholars and mentors during Founders’ Day Weekend (New York, NY)
- April 2021 (exact date TBD): Second meeting of scholars and mentors at APTA’s new headquarters (Alexandria, VA)
- September 12, 2021: Third meeting of scholars and mentors during Centennial Gala Weekend (Washington, DC)

How to apply:

[Fill out this application.](#)

Deadline for applying: Sunday, September 20, 2020.