



Definition of an SBI Fellow: *a recognized leader in the field of breast imaging*

In order to demonstrate leadership in breast imaging, the fellowship candidate should be able to identify sustained and verifiable success in at least **three** of the following categories:

1. Breast-related scientific/academic accomplishment including:

a) Publications

- Peer-reviewed journals
- Book chapters
- Review articles
- Editorials in peer-reviewed journals
- Case reports in peer-reviewed journals
- Articles in the lay press

b) Abstracts presented at scientific meetings

c) Patents/Grants

2. Medical education related to breast imaging/breast disease, breast wellness

a) Medical students/residents/fellows

b) Breast imaging technologists

c) Undergraduates, graduates, post-graduates

d) Service on boards or bodies that set standards, curricula, or certification of qualifications to practice

e) Development of innovative teaching material pertaining to breast imaging

f) Educational exhibits at local, state, national meetings

e) Lay education

3. Administrative or Political activities impacting breast health

a) Radiology society related

b) Other medical society related

c) Elected positions on local, state, federal boards/panels

d) Appointed positions of local, state, federal boards/panels

e) Media-related appearances on behalf of breast health

f) Legislative advocacy

g) Active participation in charity-related breast specific organizations

e) Military service with demonstrable direct impact on breast-related issues

4. Service to Patients or to the Society of Breast Imaging

a) Committee participation

b) Appointed positions

- c) Journal of Breast Imaging peer-review activities
- d) Legislative advocacy
- e) Lay outreach
- f) National meeting attendance
- g) Sustained involvement in global issues dealing with breast health care, (providing education or imaging assistance) to underdeveloped countries

#### **To apply for SBI Fellowship:**

1. Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years of continuous, full dues-paying (U.S. and Canadian) SBI membership in the Physician or Medical Physicist categories extending up to the time of application and following completion of a breast imaging fellowship or other equivalent training. Interruption or non-payment of dues in any year will reset the clock regarding continuous membership. Please confirm your eligibility with SBI staff prior to beginning your application.
2. Applications must include a Personal Statement detailing the candidate's activities and accomplishments that warrant consideration for fellowship. These should relate to the guidelines listed above but other similar activities will be considered. This personal statement should not exceed two single-spaced typewritten pages, font size 12. A separate updated CV should also be uploaded in the application. Both must be uploaded in PDF format.
3. Applicants must submit two letters of support written by active (i.e., dues-paying) SBI Fellows. Only one letter can be from the same system/institution/practice as the applicant. First and Second Supporting Fellows will be sent an email asking to upload their letters in PDF format to the application. If both letters of support are not uploaded by application due date, it will be considered an incomplete application. If Supporting Fellows have any questions, they can email [hmiller@sbi-online.org](mailto:hmiller@sbi-online.org).
4. Applicants must complete the [online SBI Fellowship Application](#). The Excel version of the Nomination Form is located on the right side of this webpage and may be used for reference prior to completing the application online.
  - Achievement of 100 or more points is required, with a minimum of 40 points in the category of Publications.
  - Publications must have a breast imaging specific focus. Three first-author publications in the category of Scientific Articles in a Peer Reviewed Journal are required (5 points each).
  - All articles are subject to review and acceptance if not included in the primary list of acceptable publications.
  - An applicant can only submit up to three committee-based publications, e.g. ACR Practice Parameters, for consideration of Publication points.
5. A minimum of 10 articles cited on the Publications tab of the application is required. Please submit the 10 articles that are reflective of your best work. Articles must be submitted as PDFs to the online portal. All articles listed to achieve the required Publications points must be submitted with the application. All first author articles should be included.
6. The first supporting Fellow must review and approve all points listed on the application. At the top of the application, candidates must click the blue button labeled "Manage Supporting Fellows" to input the information of their first supporting Fellows. This will allow the first supporting Fellows access to the application which they are required to review prior to submission.
7. There are two application review cycles for SBI Fellowship: the Fall/Winter application cycle for induction at the RSNA Annual Meeting, and the Spring cycle for induction at the SBI Annual Symposium. Applications for SBI 2026 induction are due on February 2, 2025. Applications for RSNA 2025 induction are due September 1, 2025.
8. Applicants must meet the minimum points criteria and submit complete applications by the deadline to be reviewed by the Fellows Committee. Incomplete/unsubmitted applications will not be considered. It is the

candidate's and supporting Fellows' responsibilities to ensure that applications are complete and points totals are accurate.

9. Candidates whose applications are not accepted for SBI Fellowship must wait two years to reapply.

**Waiver of Publication Points:**

If desired, an SBI member applying for fellowship can request a waiver of 15 publication points if he/she is able to demonstrate long-term, sustained, and verifiable activity in other categories of accomplishment as listed above. Candidates who are applying with the publications waiver must have a time in practice of 30 years, at least 50% of which in breast imaging. The decision to grant the 15-point publication waiver is at the discretion of the SBI Fellows Committee who may also elect to waive 2 of 3 first-author publication requirements for otherwise highly qualified candidates. If a waiver is requested, it should be accompanied by a one-page typewritten justification letter by the applicant. Additionally, the two Fellows supporting the candidate's application should be made aware of the waiver request and directly address the candidate's qualifications for the waiver in their letters.

