



Instructions to Prospective Candidates Seeking Sponsorship from North American Chinese Medical Physicists Association (NACMPA) for the Partners in Physics (PIP) Program of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM).

Dear Prospective Candidates:

We are pleased that you are interested in having NACMPA to be your sponsor for this program. This letter will describe to you the process of implementation because it is a joint process between AAPM and NACMPA. Please note there is no official collaboration between AAPM and NACMPA. As such, it is your responsibility to make sure that both organizations have the proper documentation. The process can be confusing, please adhere to the instructions so that your application would not be delayed.

AAPM Organization Requirements (Excerpt from the PIP Application forms):

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An application for AAPM membership under the Partner's in Physics Program is available on the AAPM website at www.aapm.org. [http://www.aapm.org/memb/PIP_application.pdf] It can be submitted by either postal mail or E-mail.

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NACMPA Organization Requirements:

The mission of NACMPA is (1) to provide a forum for medical physicists with interest in scientific exchange with colleagues in the United States, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other Asian Oceanic Countries, (2) to organize annual meetings during the AAPM Annual Meeting time, and (3) to organize activities that promote scientific exchange of information in medical physics worldwide.

The NACMPA participates in the PIP program of the AAPM to allow medical physicists in Asia Oceanic Region (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, South East Asian Countries) with Chinese origin to access information on AAPM website. Because of the limited time sponsorship of the recipient, the recipient is encouraged to download critical documents such as reports, bulletin, and past medical physics journals.

Although NACMPA members can solicit applicants, it is generally referred by AAPM. If it is a solicited member, the member is requested to inform AAPM that NACMPA would be the preferred sponsor of his/her participation in PIP of the AAPM.

Each year, NACMPA sponsored 10-20 Partners in Physics recipients at the category of electronic memberships. The stipend is limited to a period of three years and can be extended up to a period of six years. **Before the 15th of October of each year**, the recipient must submit a letter or email to the President-Elect of NACMPA, giving up-to-date on the recipient's current position in his/her facility, institution name, address, phone number, fax number, and email. In addition, the recipient must provide a short summary of how this participation has benefited the recipient by documenting the usage in detail. Please restrict the summary up to 2 pages. Although it has not occurred, the sponsorship can terminate at any time due to the lack of funds or abuse by the recipient. **Before the 15th of December of each year**, the President-Elect of NACMPA will inform the recipient whether the sponsorship will be terminated or continued.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. The applicant must fill and submit the Partners in Physics Application to the AAPM as directed in the application forms.

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2. At the end of the application form, indicate to AAPM that you are seeking North American Chinese Medical Physicists Association (NACMPA) as your sponsor.
3. Along with the application, attached a formal letter (a letter format and not email or note format for proper documentation) addressed to AAPM indicating that you are seeking NACMPA as the sponsor of your application.
4. Besides sending the application to the AAPM, send a duplicate copy to the President-Elect of the NACMPA (email address below).
5. Once the applicant receives approval from AAPM, the applicant should inform the President-Elect of NACMPA.
6. The President-Elect will bring the application to the Executive Committee of NACMPA for approval once the official request is received from AAPM.
7. The result of the sponsorship will be communicated to the recipient once it has been decided.
8. **Suggestion: (1) Print the PIP application forms, (2) Scan the application into electronic format, and (3) Email the application forms in electronic format to the AAPM and NACMPA.**

I hope the explanation will help you in your pursuit of this sponsorship. I also would like to wish you the best of luck for a successful outcome.

You are very welcome to visit our website at <http://www.nacmpa.org> to view our activities and seek participation. This instruction sheet is also available at our website for downloading.

Thank you for your interest in NACMPA and if we could be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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President, NACMPA
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Partners In Physics Application



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PARTNER'S IN PHYSICS PROGRAM
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PARTNERS IN PHYSICS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (Please print/type information)

- Dr.
 Mr.
 Ms.

Last Name First Middle

ADDRESS: Birth Date: _____ Female Male

Dept/Title

Street Address

City State Zip Code (please include four digit extension)

Phone Fax Email Web Address

EDUCATION: (List most recently received degree first)

Institution Major Dates Attended Degree Received

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Employer: _____ Dates (month/year): _____.

Title/Position: _____.

Duties (Be Specific): _____

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Title/Position: _____.

Duties (Be Specific): _____

MEDICAL PHYSICS ACTIVITIES: (Organizations, Committees, Etc.)
(Insert additional lines if necessary)

REFERENCE: Indicate the name and complete address (E-mail if available) of at least one person who can serve as a reference and verify your application.

Signature of Applicant: (Not required if sent by e-mail)

_____ **Date:** _____

Mail to: Charles Shang, MSc – Lynn Cancer Institute, Boca Raton Community Hospital
800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486, USA or E-Mail
as attachment to: charles.shang@gmail.com or you can fax the application to Attention:
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