



The Association for Preservation Technology International
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Request for Applications for APT Recognized Professional 2026

The APT Standing Committee on Professional Recognition is requesting applications for professionals interested in submitting credentials for review by the committee for professional recognition. An APT Recognized Professional is recognized by APT as an individual practicing in the field of preservation technology with a clearly documented track record of competent professional practice and awareness of current methods and emerging technologies.

Applications will be capped at 24. Completed applications are due no later than Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Professionals will be advised of Committee review status on or about August 1, 2026 with formal presentation at the APT Annual Conference to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in October.

Recognition of APT Recognized Professionals is based upon defined combinations of education, experience, and proficiency. The program is flexible to allow a range of practicing trades, educators, engineers, architects, contractors, conservators, and others to be recognized for their professional commitment and achievement in the field of preservation technology.

Recognition Process – Submission and Review of Credential Information

Each candidate for recognition shall submit a credentials package which demonstrates at least the minimum level of education, experience, and proficiency for recognition as defined below. It shall be the responsibility of the candidate to present information in a manner which is clear and concise and not require the Committee to independently investigate or document the candidate's achievement. The Committee shall, at its discretion, investigate for purposes of verification and authenticity, the roles, responsibility and other information provided by the candidate.

As a member of APT, the candidate has agreed to abide by and practice preservation technology in compliance with the APT Code of Ethics.

To maintain recognition by APT, candidates must remain members of APT in good standing with dues paid.

Recognition Criteria

The following are the basic recognition criteria required for consideration by the

Committee for Professional Recognition:

General

- Cover letter stating commitment to professionalism in preservation.
- Minimum five (5) years as member of APT.
- Current APT membership.

Education

- Relevant professional degree, apprenticeship certificate, or, trade school record of completion.
- Two (2) year advanced degree in specialty area or two (2) years specialized experience in preservation technology under a nationally recognized preservation professional (trades, design, academic, etc.).
- Relevant continuing education in preservation technology.

Experience

- Minimum ten (10) years of professional experience in the field of preservation
- Experience in research, treatment planning or execution [e.g. as a preservation project manager or reviewer] in an agency, institution, or firm in heritage preservation/preservation technology, where projects are subject to review by a qualified third party or a qualified preservation professional.
- Collaboration, conflict resolution, or related managerial experience
- Knowledge sharing or mentorship experience. Performance/Proficiency
- Minimum of five (5) and no more than ten (10) completed significant preservation projects on a designated historic site recognized at the local, provincial, state, or federal level. Peer reviewed publications related to historic construction or preservation technology may also be included.
- Individual projects may be distinct components or phases of a large, complex, or multi-year effort.
- Complex problem-solving accomplishments.
- Peer approval, project awards, or other recognition.

Candidates may submit for recognition under the following fields of expertise:

- Conservator
- Preservation Contractor
- Preservation Architect
- Preservation Engineer
- Preservation Educator
- Preservation Governmental/Administrative
- Preservation Trades/Craftsperson
- Preservation Landscape Architect
- Other Classifications may be added by the Committee if so agreed unanimously by the Committee members.

Submittal Process

When open to submission on the APT online portal, applicant is responsible for providing written documentation in a clear *and concise* format to allow Committee member review:

1. Education – provide copies of course or apprenticeship transcript or copy of degrees received, documentation of workshops attended, or other written verification of training received in a formal/structured setting.
 - a. Training received from a trades or similar apprenticeship program shall be documented in the form of a report of training from the professional or training entity providing the training to the candidate.
2. Experience – provide written documentation from employers or others who can testify to years of *relevant* preservation experience.
3. Performance Proficiency – provide detailed, up to two (2) pages written description of each representative project; a maximum of ten (10) pages for all projects submitted
 - a. including photos as appropriate,
 - b. descriptive title,
 - c. level of involvement,
 - d. your role *as an individual* (not that of the firm or team),
 - e. technical services provided for all levels of preservation technology, and
 - f. the reviewing agency.
4. Other Items – provide written copies of any supporting information to fulfill the requirements listed.
 - a. Three (3) letters of support from established APT members and others recognized as leaders in the preservation profession. These letters provide more weight than self-certification.
 - b. Provide a cover letter explaining your interest in seeking APT Professional Recognition and justification for APT’s approval.

Equivalency – In an instance, or instances, where education, experience, or proficiency requirements may not be in full compliance with the requested information, the applicant may provide written or other documents to demonstrate proficiency in preservation technology within the spirit of the item. It is up to the applicant to clearly demonstrate equivalency. For example, “Alternative Qualification” educational standard may also be met by programs which offer equivalent or greater technical education (e. g. ICCROM). In lieu of a preservation-specific certificate or degree, individuals may qualify with a degree in architecture, engineering, or related field by demonstrating professional development and achievement through substantive and ongoing participation in technical conferences or workshops as an educator or practicing professional, by authoring technical papers published in peer reviewed journals, or leadership participation (e.g. board or commission membership) in an established national or local preservation organization involved in preservation design review or technology.

Cost

Cost – Application/Administrative Fee - \$150

Annual Fee – none

Suspension or Termination of Privileges

Should a candidate's credentials be found by the Committee to be falsified or otherwise materially inaccurate at any time after acceptance by the Committee, APT shall immediately notify the candidate that the privileges previously bestowed on the candidate are immediately suspended.

Should a recognized professional be found by documented evidence to not comply with the APT Professional Code of Ethics, APT shall immediately notify the candidate that the privileges previously bestowed on the candidate are immediately suspended.

Should a recognized individual be found, after written notice of unpaid dues, to be using the privileges of recognition, their privileges shall be removed and the individual will be required to pay the annual membership fee, plus a \$50 fee for reinstatement.

Disputes

Should a person submitting his/her credentials disagree with the determination of the Committee, the Committee shall furnish a written description of their basis for not recognizing the individual, at which time the candidate has thirty (30) calendar days to address the deficiencies noted by the Committee. The Committee will then review and respond to the recognition request at the time of its next scheduled meeting. If the candidate does not submit a response to the findings of the Committee, the candidate may resubmit credentials, without comment, if so desired, for consideration not sooner than 12 months after the previous determination of the committee.

Recognition of any candidate or person provided by this Committee or by APT does not imply an endorsement, license, or authorization to practice skill sets or services in historic preservation which otherwise require governmental licensing or certification by agencies or organizations. Recognition as an APT Professional is to demonstrate levels of education, experience and proficiency within requirements of APT as a reviewing entity only.

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