



## Policy Governing the Award of Honorary Fellowship

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### 1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. This document outlines the policy for nomination, consideration and awarding of Honorary Fellowship by the Board of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

### 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 All Members of the College and College Bodies must adhere to this policy when considering and/or recommending nominees to the Board for the Award of Honorary Fellowship of the College.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Clause 2.4 of the College Constitution confers upon the Board the ability to award Honorary Fellowship.
- 3.2 The award of Honorary Fellowship is a prestigious appointment and may only be conferred upon distinguished or renowned members of the medical profession and other eminent persons, whether or not those eminent persons are members of the medical profession.

### 4. THE POLICY

- 4.1 The Board may from time to time admit people as Honorary Fellows on such basis and on such conditions as set out in any By-Laws and provided that Honorary Fellows shall not be entitled to vote in relation to governance matters of the College, including at any General Meetings (as outlined in 6.5.6 of the Constitution).
- 4.2 All nominations for the Award of Honorary Fellowship must go to the Fellowship Committee for initial review. The Fellowship Committee will provide a recommendation to Board for consideration and approval. Approval by a majority of votes by Board Directors present and voting at the Board Meeting must be received.
- 4.3 A nomination is made, in writing, to the **President of the College** and will comprise:
- i. A letter of nomination from a member of the College;
  - ii. A letter of support from a College body;
  - iii. Response to the criteria for Award of Honorary Fellowship (Complete Honorary Fellowship Criteria Form attached);
  - iv. Detailed curriculum vitae;
- 4.4 Members of the College and/or College bodies may nominate individuals for consideration for the Award of Honorary Fellowship. Nominees will be assessed against the criteria outlined below in 4.8.
- 4.5 Individuals seeking Fellowship of the College will not be considered for Honorary Fellowship and must apply for Fellowship via the College's training, Overseas Trained Physician Assessment, or other Faculty/Chapter pathways.
- 4.6 Current RACP members are ineligible to receive Honorary Fellowship.
- 4.6.1. Past RACP members that meet the respective criteria below (4.8) are eligible to receive Honorary Fellowship unless their membership was revoked or terminated in accordance with 4.1.1 (b) and 4.2.1 (e) of the Constitution of the RACP.
- 4.7 While there is no limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships awarded, to maintain the prestige of such an honour, it is suggested that the Fellowship Committee



recommend no more than four (4) nominees to the Board in any individual year.

There is no requirement for Honorary Fellowship to be awarded in a particular year if no nominees are deemed suitable.

- 4.8 The Award of Honorary Fellowship is based on the following criteria of which nominees must meet the mandatory criteria and at least one of the additional criteria.

### **Mandatory Criteria**

- i. Contribution to the College or Health and Medicine
  - The nominee must have made an extraordinary and sustained contribution to the College over a period of years or an outstanding contribution to health and medicine in Australia or New Zealand.

OR

- If not based in Australia or New Zealand, the nominee must have had an extraordinary and sustained interaction with the College or have made an outstanding contribution to international health and medicine or to health and medicine in their country of residence.

### **Additional Criteria**

- i. Professional Service
    - Professional eminence and leadership of a high order and for a significant length of time.
    - Leadership of national or international organisations.
    - Very senior administrative leadership in university or professional organisations.
  - ii. Research
    - Research contributions of international significance, with dissemination in peer-reviewed international publications, and other international forums, for example, presentations by invitation in plenary sessions at meetings of international significance.
    - Evidence of acquisition of nationally competitive research funding.
  - iii. Teaching/Professional Education
    - Evidence of national and/or international recognition for leadership and innovation in teaching and professional education.
  - iv. Interaction with Medicine in Australia or New Zealand
    - Visiting Professorship/Lecturer in Australia or New Zealand of at least six (6) months' duration, or
    - Regular invited speaker to conferences/scientific meetings within Australia or New Zealand, or
    - Significant collaborative research with institutions/universities/hospitals within Australia or New Zealand, and sustained interaction with the College and/or contributions to it.
- 4.9 Award of Honorary Fellowship
- 4.9.1 The RACP President will advise the approved recipients of the honour
  - 4.9.2 Admission date to Honorary Fellowship is the date the Honorary Fellowship was approved by the Board.



- 4.9.3 Honorary Fellowships will be given directly to recipients at the annual College Ceremony or other approved event.
- 4.9.4 Recipients will receive a testamur.
- 4.9.5 No provision is made for the Award of Honorary Fellowship in absentia.
- 4.10 Entitlements of Honorary Fellows
  - 4.10.1 The Award of Honorary Fellowship is an honour bestowed by the College.
  - 4.10.2 Honorary Fellows are entitled to use the post-nominal FRACP (Hon).
  - 4.10.3 Honorary Fellows receive College publications, including relevant journals.
  - 4.10.4 Honorary Fellows have access to the Members' Page of the College web site.
  - 4.10.5 Honorary Fellows are not required to pay annual Fellowship Fees.
  - 4.10.6 Honorary Fellowship is a category of membership of the College. Honorary Fellowship is not of any of the College's Faculties or Chapters
  - 4.10.7 Honorary Fellowship does not entitle the recipient to vote in relation to governance matters of the College, including at any General Meetings.
  - 4.10.8 The Award of Honorary Fellowship does not confer the recipient any right of recognition as a specialist physician/paediatrician or practice as a specialist physician/paediatrician.

## 5. REVOCATION OF HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

- 5.1 An Honorary Fellowship will be revoked by the College immediately if the recipient of the Honorary Fellowship, in the opinion of the Board fails to comply with the College Code of Conduct.

## 6. AUTHORITY

- 6.1 The Fellowship Committee have oversight of administration of The Award of Honorary Fellowships.

## 7. PRIVACY

- 7.1 The College Privacy Policy applies.

## 8. DEFINITIONS

'College' or 'RACP' means the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (ACN 000 039 057), an incorporated body limited by guarantee.

'College Board' means the Board of Directors of the College.

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