

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE (RESEARCH) RCPA by published works

INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS

Applicants will require a Sponsor, who will be a Fellow of the College or Fellow of the Faculty of Science to support them in the Informal review and the Formal application.

Sponsors should read the Policy "Fellowship of the Faculty of Science (Research) RCPA by published works" for a full explanation of the application process. For the Informal review, the Sponsor will not be asked to provide any written support for the Applicant but should be prepared to advise the Applicant on their eligibility and the suitability of their publications. Sponsors should give consideration when agreeing to Sponsor an Applicant for Informal review that they substantially fulfil the requirements.

Potential Sponsors who have doubts about the quality of an application are encouraged to seek the advice of the Faculty of Science Principal Examiner of the nominated discipline. Please email fscadmin@rcpa.edu.au for advice.

If the Applicant is successful at Informal review and decides to proceed with a Formal application, Sponsors are requested to specify the major contribution to knowledge made by the Applicant in the chosen discipline, to indicate the standard of the work and to identify the Applicant's innovative contribution to the field. When multi-author papers are submitted, Sponsors are required to verify and comment on the relative contribution made by the Applicant to each paper. Although such estimates are often difficult, they are essential for the assessor's evaluations.

Publications guidelines are listed below:

Publications should follow the recommended format (see below) and indicate that the Applicant has made significant and continuing contributions to pathology within the major discipline nominated and should be grouped into areas of interest. It will normally be expected that the Applicant will be able to demonstrate a developing and sustained contribution to at least one clearly defined theme.

The assessors take into account the experience relevant to pathology (normally not less than five years for medical Applicants and eight years for non-medical Applicants), the quality of the work and the extent of the Applicant's responsibility in joint publications.

The required standard is unlikely to be reached without the submission of at least 30 peer-reviewed publications (which may include review articles) that make substantial high-quality contributions to research and practice within the nominated discipline.

The Applicant should be the first or senior author on a minimum of ten of these submitted papers. Case reports, notes on methodology, abstracts and proceedings of meetings should not be submitted. Weighting will be given to publications in international specialist journals appropriate to the discipline. The College is also prepared to consider applications based on publications which are limited by confidentiality as per the Policy.

Format of publications list:

Publications must be grouped in themes or topics, numbered consecutively throughout the list and arranged in reverse date order (most recent first) within each of the following publication categories, as appropriate.

Books – in Press (date of acceptance)
Books – in Print
Chapters – in Print
Chapters – in Press (date of acceptance)
Refereed Journals – in Print: Original Articles/Letters
Refereed Journals – in Print: Reviews
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The ISI Web of Knowledge Five-Year journal impact factor, H-index and Eigen rating must be stated for each publication where available.