

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY - FELLOW

Fellowship of the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) is a prestigious member status awarded to Infection Prevention and Control Professionals in recognition of significant professional achievement. Fellowship recognises the experience, contribution and standing of Infection Prevention and Control Professionals to ACIPC and the profession.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for Fellowship are open to members who are Infection Prevention and Control Professionals credentialled by ACIPC at any of the three tiers. Applications will be assessed against published criteria which reflect the professional leadership, commitment and achievements of the applicant. Candidates inducted to ACIPC as Fellows are entitled to:

- Be known as a Fellow of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
- Use the post-nominal FACIPC
- Receive and display the certificate of Fellowship

To apply for ACIPC Fellowship you must be:

- a current and continuous financial member of ACIPC for at least three years
- credentialled by the ACIPC at any of the three tiers

Fellowship is a member category, and it is a year by year process, but once membership of Fellowship is approved then members renew each year at that level. At the time of annual renewal the Fellow must declare and be verified that their credential status is active and current. If credential status lapses the member cannot continue as a Fellow and membership would revert to standard Member.

GOVERNANCE PROCESS

Completed application forms and relevant information will be reviewed by the ACIPC Board of Directors. All applications will be treated confidentially. The Board of Directors has accountability for determining if the applicant can be admitted to ACIPC as a Fellow. The process may take up to three months and applicants will be advised of the outcome by mail.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each applicant must provide a written response, up to 2000 words in total, addressing the criteria listed below.



1. Leadership

- a. Outline and provide evidence of your contribution to the infection prevention and control profession in one or more of the following areas:
 - clinical practice
 - management
 - education
 - research policy
- b. Outline any relevant postgraduate education you have completed and how it relates to your leadership and contribution to infection prevention and control
- c. Describe how your leadership has made a difference to the healthcare of the community

2. Contribution to infection prevention and control

- a. Provide a detailed professional portfolio containing published or unpublished work, such as:
 - project reports
 - curriculum documents
 - successful research grant applications and reports
 - development of clinical protocols
 - · evidence of implementation of change management
 - publication in refereed/non-refereed publications/books
 - evidence of other contributions to the infection prevention and control community.
- b. Provide detailed examples of how you have contributed to the professional growth of infection prevention and control practitioners
- c. Provide certified copies of relevant awards and or testamurs

3. Contribution to ACIPC

- a. Continuous financial membership of ACIPC for the last three years
- b. Evidence of active and significant participation in ACIPC activities for a period of at least the last two years. Examples of participation must include at least two of the following:
 - Director of the ACIPC Board or member of a Board Committee
 - Contribution to ACIPC policy submissions, guidelines or statements
 - Contribution to ACIPC publications
 - Delivery of presentation/s at ACIPC events
 - Active involvement in ACIPC conferences and/or forums
 - Representation of ACIPC in an official capacity



References

Every application must be accompanied by two referee statements of support, of 200 words each (including contact details). Each statement must include:

- The capacity in which the referee knows the applicant and the nature and length of the relationship
- Confirmation and support of the applicant's claims against the selection criteria
- Evidence of current financial membership of ACIPC

Supporting documentation

Every application must include the following:

- Completed application form
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Professional portfolio as described above

Membership fee – Fellow

\$250 annually

