



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

## **Nominations for Fellowship by invitation of Council under By-law 7(iv)**

The usual routes to fellowship of The Royal College of Pathologists are by examination or on the basis of a submission of published works. In accordance with the By-laws a small number of fellowships without examination or published works can be awarded each year to people who are proposed by current fellows of the College and meet the nomination criteria.

Admission to Fellowship under By-law 7(iv) shall not be used as an alternative to Fellowship by submission of published works or by examination for candidates for whom one of these would be appropriate. It is intended to enable Council to offer Fellowship of the College to distinguished pathologists judged to be of sufficient standing but whose career has not followed a course in which published research has been a major factor and have reached a stage at which examination would not be appropriate. Nominees should have made a significant contribution to research or training or other objectives of the College.

For nominees based in the UK they should have held a substantive (not locum) NHS Consultant post or equivalent UK appointment continuously for a minimum of five years before they are nominated, and be an Affiliate member of the College and be actively participating in the College's CPD scheme at the time of nomination.

For nominees based overseas the nomination process needs to be initiated by a current member of College Council. Overseas nominees should hold an appointment in their country that is of equivalent standing to a UK consultant appointment.

Veterinary pathology nominees working in the areas of anatomical and clinical pathology would normally be required to hold DipACVP in the relevant discipline or DipECVP/DipECVCP.

Fellows of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia should refer to the specific guidance and nomination form available on the College's website.

In all cases, nominees should not have been found at fault in any professional disciplinary review or in a complaints or litigation process against them, and are expected to be participating in a CPD scheme. Nominees will be asked to detail the contribution that they have made to the work of the College or to its aims and objectives.

Council has the absolute power and discretion in deciding upon any application for admission to Fellowship. Council members will vote on each application and a simple majority of members present will be required for a nomination to be successful. Council's decision shall be final, and it shall not be bound to give any reason for its decision.



## Submission of nomination form

- The nominee should complete and sign section A of the nomination form.
- All nominations must be supported by two sponsors who are Fellows of the College through examination or published works, and a completed citation signed by each of the sponsors. Additionally, letters of support may be attached to the form.
- All nominations must contain the names and contact details of three referees (who shall not be either of the sponsors). The referees must be Fellows of the College by examination or published works. The College reserves the right, at any time whilst considering the nomination, to request additional references of its own choosing from other sources.
- A full and up-to-date copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae, including details of any publications, must accompany the completed form, which should be submitted to the Registrar at the College address by one of the sponsors. Nomination forms submitted by the nominee will not be accepted.
- Nominations are reviewed within the College by the UK regional council or international committee, dependant on the location of the nominee, and the relevant Specialty Advisory Committee. Nominees should therefore be made aware that the process may take some time. Nominations which are recommended for Fellowship are passed to the next Council meeting for election.
- Sponsors are asked to inform their nominees that, if successful, they will become liable to pay a registration fee equivalent to those for the Part 1 and Part 2 examinations in addition to the annual subscription.

## College process

- The College will check that the form is completed correctly, that the sponsors and referees are Fellows by either examination or published works and will then contact the three referees for references. The Senior Management Team will check to ensure that the College has no untoward information about the nominee recorded in College minutes.
- Applications will then be passed to the next meeting of the relevant UK regional council or the international committee for consideration.
- If approved by the UK regional council or international committee nominations will then be passed to next meeting of the appropriate College Specialty Advisory Committee for consideration.
- If approved by the SAC nominations will then be passed to the main College Council for consideration.