



# PARAMEDICS

## A U S T R A L A S I A

### Fellowship of Paramedics Australasia

Fellowship of Paramedics Australasia is a prestigious member status awarded to paramedics in recognition of significant professional achievement. Fellowship recognises the experience and contribution of paramedical leaders to both Paramedics Australasia and the profession of paramedicine.

Applications for Fellowship to Paramedics Australasia are assessed on the basis of the professional leadership, commitment and achievements of the applicant. Candidates admitted to Fellowship are entitled:

- to be known as a Fellow of Paramedics Australasia
- to use the post-nominal FPA
- to receive and display the Paramedics Australasia certificate of Fellowship.

### Eligibility

Any person applying for Fellowship to Paramedics Australasia must be a current and continuous financial member of Paramedics Australasia for at least five (5) years.

### Selection criteria

To be considered for Fellowship, a Member, in addition to the Ordinary Member criteria, must meet at least three (3) of the following five (5) criteria:

- a) a minimum ten (10) years experience as a professional paramedic
- b) a minimum five (5) years professional membership of Paramedics Australasia, or equivalent association
- c) postgraduate qualifications in a paramedic-related discipline
- d) a minimum two (2) years experience in a senior management or senior academic position
- e) has made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to Paramedics Australasia and/or its aims and objectives.

In addition to meeting the above criteria, all applicants must address all elements of the three criteria listed below (2000 words in total).

#### 1. Leadership

- a) Outline and provide evidence of your contribution to leadership within the paramedical profession in one or more of the following areas:
  - clinical practice
  - education
  - research
  - management
  - policy

- b) Outline any relevant postgraduate education that you have undertaken and how it relates to your leadership
- c) Provide a written statement outlining how your leadership has made a difference to pre-hospital care.

## **2. Contribution to the paramedic profession and to pre-hospital health care**

- a) Provide a detailed professional portfolio containing published or unpublished work. For example: project reports, curriculum documents, successful research grant applications and reports, the development of clinical protocols, evidence of implementation of change management, publication in refereed or non-refereed publications or evidence of other contributions to the profession and the health industry
- b) Detail examples of how you have contributed to the professional growth and development of paramedics within the profession
- c) Provide certified copies of relevant awards and certificates.

## **3. Contribution to Paramedics Australasia**

Applicants must prove:

- a) Continuous financial membership of Paramedics Australasia for at least five (5) years
- b) Detail active and significant participation in Paramedics Australasia activities for a period of at least two (2) years. Evidence of participation must include at least two examples, such as:
  - board or other committee representation
  - contribution to policy submissions
  - contribution to publication(s)
  - presentation at events
  - review of grants and awards applications
  - active involvement in conferences and/or forums
  - acting as a representative of Paramedics Australasia in an official capacity
  - lead roles in a chapter, special interest group or committee
  - review of conference papers or articles.

## **References**

Each application must be accompanied by the contact details of two referees (either two Paramedics Australasia Fellows or one Fellow and one Member) who each provide a statement (up to 200 words) of support, including the capacity in which the referee knows the applicant, how long they have known the applicant and the nature of their relationship.

## **Supporting documentation**

Applications must include the following:

- a completed application form
- a current curriculum vitae
- a professional portfolio outlining all major publications, presentations and awards.

Notes:

When referencing involvement with Paramedics Australasia, this includes involvement with our two founding organisations: the Institute of Ambulance Officers and the Australian College of Ambulance Professionals.

Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in any subsequent year.