

Dear Colleague,

RE: Applications for Admission to Founding Fellowship of the Faculty of Science

On behalf of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia I am pleased to announce that applications are now open for the second and final round of Founding Fellowships of the Faculty of Science, RCPA.

On 10 December 2009, in an historic vote, the membership of the College agreed to the inception of The Faculty of Science under Article 57c of the Articles of Association. Earlier this year the First Faculty Committee recommended to the RCPA Council, appointment of Founding Fellows from among the ranks of distinguished scientists and pathologists who have made significant contributions to science in pathology and who demonstrate a desire and commitment to promoting science in pathology through the College into the future. The first round of Founding Fellows formed the basis of the new Faculty and elected the Faculty Committee at the inaugural Annual General Meeting held in March 2011 at the Pathology Update in Melbourne. In response to the feedback regarding the first round of Founding Fellows considerations Council reviewed the criteria. Although these are essentially unchanged, where exceptional contributions to teaching or leadership are evident these may be given special consideration.

Attached to this letter are the criteria to be used by the Faculty Committee in considering Applications for Founding Fellowship, as well as an Application Form and Guide for Applicants. Please take care in outlining how your application addresses the criteria. Re-applications from previously unsuccessful applicants, particularly outlining where teaching & leadership contributions warrant special consideration, are welcomed. Successful admission to Fellowship will be accompanied by the ability to participate in many College activities, awarding of the post-nominal FFSc (RCPA) and will require payment of an Annual fee.

Although Founding Fellowships are available until 31 December 2011 this is the final round and ability to assess beyond the closing date below will be severely limited. New pathways for entry into the faculty which may require participation in College education and assessment programmes will be developed in the future. This round of applicants for Founding Fellowship will be considered for ratification at the RCPA Council Meeting in November 2011. In order to be considered Applicants must have their completed applications to the College by **Friday 29 July 2011**. If you have any queries, regarding Founding Fellowship or the Faculty of Science, please contact Prof Paul Waring, Chair, Faculty Committee, Faculty of Science, RCPA via email at pwaring@unimelb.edu.au.

I am greatly looking forward to the contribution of the Faculty of Science to the College and to assisting the Founding Fellows in establishing a robust and flourishing Faculty. The opportunities for collaboration, training and professional development for all involved represent a positive step for the future of pathology in our region.

Yours sincerely



A/Prof Paul McKenzie
President

Eligibility Criteria for Admission of Founding Fellows, Faculty of Science, RCPA

Council approved the following Criteria for Admission of Founding Fellows (By-law 8):

1. Qualifications (By-law 7.1):
 - a) Possession of an MBBS, BSc or BAppSc, or equivalent undergraduate degrees, from a university recognised by Council
and
 - b) Possession of a research doctoral degree (MD (Research), PhD, DSc), in a discipline of pathology, from a university recognised by Council
or
Fellowship, by examination, of a professional body recognised by Council (for example FRCPA, FAACB, FAIMS, FASM, FHGSA).

AND

2. Significant distinction and ongoing contribution and excellence in the science relating to pathology (By-law 8.2). It is expected that successful applicants would ordinarily demonstrate this by:
 - a) Publication of a substantial body of original scientific work in a discipline of pathology,
and at least one of the following
 - b) Possession of a senior scientific leadership position or role within pathology,
 - c) Award of significant peer-reviewed grant funding for research into the science relating to pathology,
 - d) Evidence of innovation, such as a significant scientific discovery or invention of importance to the practice of pathology,
 - e) Significant involvement in teaching and training in pathology.

AND

3. Place of work (By-law 7.1(1)(a)(i):
Founding Fellows should be entitled to work as a pathologist or scientist in his or her country of domicile.
4. Nomination:
Applicants who are not Fellows of the College (FRCPA) must be nominated by two Fellows of the College (FRCPA) and their application must be accompanied by letters of nomination.
This is not required if you are an existing Fellow of the College (FRCPA).
5. Exemptions:
Council, at its discretion, is able to award Founding Fellowships of the Faculty of Science to applicants who do not meet all of the above criteria.

**APPLICATION FOR FOUNDING FELLOWSHIP, FACULTY OF SCIENCE - 2010/2011
GUIDE AND CHECKLIST**

CHECKLIST

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:

Please check that the following documentary evidence is attached so that your Application with the College can be processed.

	Office Use	
a) Application Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Covering Letter addressing the eligibility criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Nominating letters from two Fellows of the College (if a non-Fellow)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) CV (including a list of publications)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Certified (see below) copies of degrees, other qualifications and fellowships*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* If you were an applicant in the first round and are re-applying, you are not required to re-submit nominating letters or certified copies of documents.

- **Certified copies of the original certificates must be presented. Please do not send originals as the College cannot be held responsible for the custody or return of documents.**
- **Certification must be by a Justice of the Peace. Overseas applicants must have their copies certified by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Oaths.**
- **Please ensure you have completed all relevant information required, incomplete applications will not be processed. Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Please mail Applications in confidence to:

The Chairman
Faculty of Science Committee
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australia
Durham Hall
207 Albion Street
Surry Hills, NSW 2010

- Please note that the deadline for the second round of applications is COB on **Friday 29 July 2011.**

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Any personal information you provide is strictly confidential to the College. However, in the course of considering your application, it may be necessary for the College to provide your contact details and information about your application to College committees and Fellows of the College who are involved with assessment of applicants. If the personal information is not provided to the College, the College may be unable to process your application, or to review and assess your application. The College will manage your personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy. If you would like to access any information we hold about you or obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy please contact our Privacy Officer on + 61 2 8356 5858.

I agree to the use of my personal information as outlined above

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS A FOUNDING FELLOW, FACULTY OF SCIENCE (ARTICLE 57C)

I hereby apply for admission as a Founding Fellow, Faculty of Science of The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia under the provisions of Article 57(C) and the bylaws pursuant to Article 57(C). If admitted, I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics of the College and to comply with the Articles and By-laws of the College, as they may be applicable to Fellows of the Faculty of Science, RCPA.

Title: _____ Surname: _____ Given Names: _____

Address (for correspondence): _____

_____ Post Code : _____

Telephone (h): _____ (w): _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____ Sex: Male Female

PRIMARY QUALIFICATION

Qualification	Year	Awarded by
_____	_____	_____

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Year	Awarded by
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PLACE OF WORK

I am a specialist pathologist or scientist entitled to work in _____, my country of domicile.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Nomination (for applicants who are not fellows of the College, FRCPA)

Please list below two Fellows of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPA) who have nominated you for Founding Fellowship of the Faculty of Science.

Please note that your application must be accompanied by signed letters of nomination from both of these Fellows.

1. _____

2. _____