



How to Prepare a Nomination for Royal College Honorary Fellowship

Not anyone can become a Royal College Honorary Fellow. It's an honour reserved for citizens of the world who have made truly outstanding impacts on Canadian or global health care systems.

These are individuals whose work and achievements have touched and benefited thousands of people. They are professionals who have moved mountains in the pursuit of delivering excellence in both health care delivery and patient safety.

Honorary Fellowship recognizes excellence.

Eligibility

- A nominee's performance in the particular vocation or professional activity(ies) for which this award is considered must be outstanding.
- Fellows or those eligible for Fellowship in the Royal College are not eligible.
- Current members of the Royal College's staff and Council are not eligible.
- Self-nominations and posthumous nominations are not eligible.
- A person may be nominated up to three times by the same or different nominator(s).

Nomination package contents

Each nomination package must include:

- A completed Honorary Fellowship Nomination form (online platform);
- At least one primary nomination letter explaining the rationale for the nomination;
- At least one letter of support from a Fellow of the Royal College, if the primary nominator is not a Fellow;
- A current curriculum vitae (CV) or a letter indicating why a CV is not available.

Additional letters of support for the nomination strengthen the package and are strongly recommended.

Honorary fellowships are bestowed to recognize contributions in a wide range of activities consistent with the aims and objectives of the Royal College. These may include activities related directly or indirectly to medicine such as administration, research, teaching and consulting.

Letters of nomination/support should focus on the exceptional nature of the nominee's contributions and how they support the aims and objectives of the Royal College.

Process

The call for Honorary Fellowship nominations is made annually in September or early October, with a deadline typically in early to mid-November. The exact deadline will be posted on the Royal College website.

All nominations are reviewed by the Fellowship Affairs Committee, which then recommends to Council the selection of up to four Honorary Fellows annually. The Council selection process typically occurs in March.

Successful nominees and their nominators are advised immediately following the Council meeting.

Nominators for unsuccessful nominees will be advised, but unsuccessful nominees will not be advised that they were nominated unless the nominator requests that we do so.

Honorary Fellowships are presented at a suitable Royal College occasion, by mutual agreement with the inductee.

Designation

Following the bestowing of Honorary Fellowship, Honorary Fellows may use the designation “FRCPSC (Hon)”¹.

Regulations

The Council-approved regulations governing Honorary Fellowship represent the official rules for selection of Honorary Fellows and will take precedence in the event of variation.

More Information

If you have questions, please contact awards@royalcollege.ca for additional information.

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¹ Prior to 2015, Honorary Fellow designations were FRCPC (Hon) for physicians, FRCSC (Hon) for Surgeons, and FRCPSC for laypersons. Starting in 2015, all Honorary Fellows receive the same designation, FRCPSC (Hon).