



## Honorary Fellowship

The Council may in accordance with regulations made by it from time to time admit to Honorary Fellow of the College persons, whether or not holding veterinary qualifications who, in the opinion of the Council, have rendered exceptional service to Veterinary Science or the practice thereof or Eminent Veterinary Scientists who have been actively involved in the affairs of the College provided that the number of such persons elected in any one year shall not exceed six (6).

Subject to the following provisos, an Honorary Fellow:

1. shall be entitled to enjoy the privileges of Membership of the College except those of voting or holding office but shall be liable to none of the obligations imposed upon Members of the College;
2. shall take no part in governing the College; and
3. shall not be liable to pay fees, subscriptions or levies under this constitution.

Provided always that Honorary Fellows who are Veterinary Scientists shall be eligible for election as Directors and appointment as Officers of the College, if (unless otherwise waived by the Council) they elect in writing to pay the appropriate fees, subscriptions and levies payable by other Members of the College and accept the obligations associated with such office or appointment. Honorary Fellows who are elected as Directors or appointed as Officers of the College, shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the College and at meetings of the Council.

### The Nomination process:

- Between 1 and 3 nominators are required. All nominators need to be members; at least one should be a Fellow.
- Nominators don't need to necessarily be in the same field as the nominee.
- Nominators will declare how they know the nominee and outline their working relationship. The College Conflict of Interest Policy will apply to all nominations (any Conflicts should be clearly communicated)

### A Nomination Template will be filled identifying the

1. Nominee: Full Name, Qualifications, Current contact details
2. Nominators: Full Name, Qualifications, Current contact details
3. Date of Nomination
4. Field of Nomination
5. A brief description (200 words or less) of why the nominee should be considered for the Honorary Fellowship.

Nominees must show evidence of exceptional service to Veterinary Science. Evidence must include three or more of the following categories:

- a. Research and scholarship: including higher degrees, publications

- b. Learning, teaching and mentorship
- c. Skills and experience
- d. Active involvement in the College, including but not limited to service in Chapters, for College Science Week, Board of Examiners, Council, examinations (Membership level). For each category, dates are required.
- e. Leadership in the field
- f. Other: any other information which is deemed worthy to the nomination.

There is a 200 word limit for each category. Service in all 6 categories is not necessarily required.

The use of a template nomination form will help the nomination be objectively assessed for exceptional service. Nominations submitted which don't use the template will not be considered.

The Process:

Completed nominations will be sent to College office. Any material or communication sent outside of this nomination process will not be considered.

The dates of service for active involvement in College affairs will be verified by Office Staff.

If verified, the nomination will be sent to the Awards Convener for assessment of merit. The Awards Convener will present the nomination to the Council at the next available board meeting with a written recommendation.

Nominators will be advised of the outcome and if unsuccessful, may be provided with feedback about the nomination. Non-conference of the award does not preclude future re-nomination for the award. If conferred, the Honorary Fellowship will be presented to the Nominee at the next Science Week Awards Dinner, following the reading of a short citation (500 words or less).

It is noted that the award of Honorary Fellow does not confer any eligibility for specialist status in Australia or New Zealand, as the Minimum Standards for such status may not have been met.