



RCP fellowship proposal

Self-proposal for UK candidates

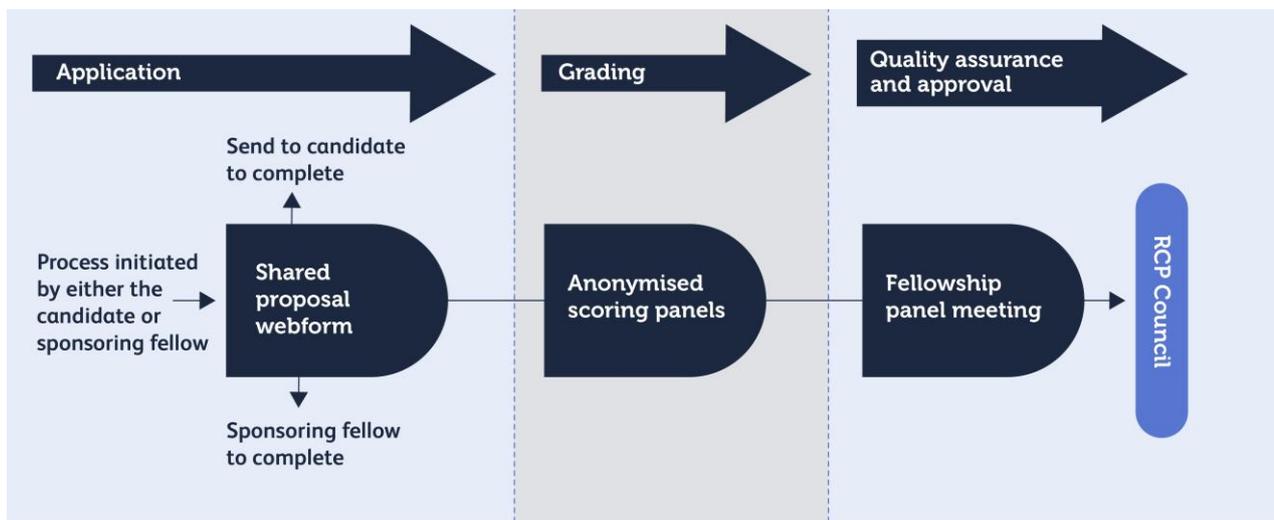
Background

Successful election to fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) requires eligible candidates to demonstrate the values expected of a fellow, which go beyond standard contractual obligations and support and deliver clinical excellence. Fellows of the RCP are established senior clinicians, and they will usually have been in substantive employment at consultant or equivalent level for several years. Eligibility for fellowship of the RCP is not, however, dependent on length of time served. It is rather a marker of impact and achievement.

Candidates must:

- be licensed to practise
- be practising autonomously
- participate in annual appraisal and revalidation
- make a declaration of good standing.

Candidates may propose themselves or be proposed by a current fellow. Both methods are initiated through an open, joint proposal that requires engagement of the candidate and support of a sponsoring fellow. Both types of proposal are treated on equal merit.



How do I propose myself for fellowship?

Ask a current RCP fellow who you currently work with, or have recently worked with, if they are happy to act as your sponsor. They will be asked to support your proposal with a short statement, similar to a reference. If you do not work closely with any RCP fellows, please visit the [Register of Fellows](#) to seek a fellow within your region who may act as, or advise on, a suitable sponsor. Sponsors must be independent individuals with no familial relation to the applicant.

- Go to the [RCP self-proposal webform](#). Only basic information is required to initiate the process, and it is not onerous or time-consuming.
- Complete the form, including your supporting information (please read the [Supporting information guidance](#) document) and details of your sponsoring fellow.
- Click to share the form with your chosen sponsoring fellow, who can support your proposal with some additional information.
- Once they have returned it, submit the jointly completed form via the automated process.
- The automated process will also assign your anonymised proposal to a scoring panel.

What do I need to do if someone has proposed me for fellowship?

- Go to the RCP proposal webform via the [fellowship portal](#). Update or amend any personal details where necessary.
- Complete the supporting information section. Your sponsor will have already submitted details of your area of interest and breadth of practice, but you should use the supporting information section to expand on this with further detail or additional activities that you would like to be considered.
- Click to return the form to your sponsoring fellow, who will then submit the jointly completed form via the automated process.
- The automated process will also assign your anonymised proposal to a scoring panel.

FAQs

How long will it take to start the process?

It is very simple to initiate the process with the agreement of your sponsor. Basic information will include your name and date of birth, place of work, home address and General Medical Council (GMC) code. Make sure that you have details and contact information for your sponsor. More detailed information on completing the webform is available in our supporting guidance document on the RCP website.

Should I self-propose or wait to be proposed by a current fellow?

Our revised fellowship process has been designed to make the process more accessible and equitable and is a joint proposal with a sponsor, whoever initiates the process. If you are eligible and are keen to be part of the fellowship of the RCP, then you can self-propose during the next cycle.

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