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Criteria

This Fellowship is open to doctors practising in anaesthesia, critical care or pain medicine in the UK who do not hold the RCoA Fellowship in Anaesthesia and who meet the criteria as set out below.

Fellowship ad eundem – guidance for applicants and the RCoA Nominations Committee

Applications for Fellowship ad eundem are considered by the College through the Nominations Committee. This guidance clarifies the technical requirements for Fellowship ad eundem and provides guidance to applicants and to members of RCoA Nominations Committee.

The RCoA Regulations for Fellowship ad eundem

- 1. Entry route
 - (a) Any person in bona fide practice of the profession of anaesthesia, critical care or pain medicine in the United Kingdom, who satisfies the conditions specified in this Regulation, may apply for admission to Fellowship of the College ad eundem provided that he holds one of the following qualifications:
 - (i) Any specialist qualification in Anaesthesia, Critical Care or Pain Management for the time being accepted under the terms of the European Specialist Medical Qualifications Order for admission to the Specialist Register in the United Kingdom;
 - (b) In addition the conditions which must be satisfied by an applicant for the Fellowship ad eundem are that:
 - (i) The applicant is in practice in the United Kingdom in a substantive or honorary consultant post;
 - (ii) Council consider the applicant to have furthered the interests of the College and/or the specialty;
 - (iii) The applicant is a fit and proper person.
- 2. A person who is eligible to be admitted a Fellow ad eundem shall submit his application for election to the College which may also, in any case in which it thinks fit, invite such an application to be made.
- 3. An application for election to Fellowship ad eundem shall be accompanied by the following documents and such other matters as may be prescribed:
 - (a) a Declaration, in the prescribed form, signed by the applicant;
 - (b) a curriculum vitae of the applicant;
 - (c) a certificate, signed by six Fellows of the College, to the effect that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Fellowship. No Fellow who is deprived of privileges, for whatever reason, shall be eligible, while so deprived, to sign a certificate for the purpose of sub-paragraph (c) of this regulation.
- 4. An application, with accompanying documents, shall be submitted to Council through the committee with responsibility for considering such applications which, if satisfied that it meets the requirements of the Charter and these regulations and is otherwise acceptable, may recommend to Council that it should be granted.
- 5. Council shall consider a recommendation for admission to Fellowship ad eundem. If there is not a clear consensus a candidate's application receiving the votes of two thirds or more of the elected Council members present shall be duly approved.
- 6. An applicant whose application for admission to the Fellowship ad eundem has been approved by Council shall be required to attend the College or other such location as the Council may determine for the Declaration of Fellowship to be administered to him in the presence of the President or Vice President whereupon, having signed his name in the Roll of Fellows, he shall be admitted to the Fellowship. The President or Vice President shall welcome the Fellow who will then or as soon as is practicable be given his Diploma Certificate.

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Advice for applicants and the RCoA Nominations Committee

Fellowship ad eundem is literally equivalent to a Fellow of the College and is not just about a test of knowledge (FRCA) or about being on the specialist register as both of these are addressed separately by different processes.

(a) The objective of the selection process is to identify and support individuals who are or are beginning to engage in a material way with the College. Whilst we definitely wish to discourage 'stamp collectors' we do not want to bar or grossly discourage credible emerging individuals at the start of meaningful interactions with the College.

Typically a Fellowship ad eundem will have all of the characteristics as someone who is both FRCA and a 'good Consultant' plus a 'bit more'.

Typically this might comprise:

- College Tutor *
- Other significant educational contribution in their own department
- The equivalent for Pain or Intensive Care Medicine (Faculty Tutor) *
- Regularly lecturing on College CPD events or courses with good feedback
- Other service to the College

External markers of above average contribution include participation in regional/national/international societies, national NHS roles etc etc. These are important but they are not a substitute for a reasonable degree of engagement with the College. Thus no matter how celebrated somebody is for external markers unless there is at least some moderate degree of engagement with the College then it would not be appropriate for them to receive Fellowship ad eundem.

(b) When evaluating an application for Fellowship ad eundem, the threshold should be that the assessor believes (from the evidence provided) that 'on the balance of probabilities' the applicant will, over the next few years, meaningfully engage with the College in a sustained and useful manner or that they are already doing so.

How to make an application

- The application form is available from The Membership Department at the Royal College of Anaesthetists (direct line: 020 7092 1700 e-mail: membership@rcoa.ac.uk)
- Part 1 of the form should be completed by the applicant, who should then arrange for Part 2 to be signed by six Fellows of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, who attest that the applicant has furthered the interests of the College and is a 'fit and proper' person to be admitted to the Fellowship. It is important to note that no Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, who is currently deprived of privileges, is eligible to sign Part 2 of the form. Any Fellow who is in doubt about his or her status should check with the College's Membership Supervisor (direct line: 020 7092 1701, e-mail: membership@rcoa.ac.uk).
- The completed form should be returned to The Membership Department at the Royal College of Anaesthetists with a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae. Those forms received by the 1 May will be considered at the May Nominations Committee. Those received by 1 November will be considered at the November Nominations Committee.
- There is no fee for applying for Fellowship ad eundem. Successful applicants become Fellows of the College and thereby pay the annual Fellowship subscription, and will in due course receive a subscription payment request.

Consideration of applications by the College

- Applications are initially considered by the Nominations Committee, which may seek further information from the applicant, or may defer a decision until the applicant is able to meet any relevant criteria not already met, or may recommend to Council that Fellowship ad eundem be granted to the applicant.
- The Committee's recommendations are forwarded to the following monthly meeting of the College Council which is invited to approve the recommendations.
- Applicants are informed of the decision of Council. Successful applicants are invited to attend a Presentation Ceremony, at which time they are admitted to the Fellowship and receive their Diploma. They are then invited to join the President and Members of the Council for lunch.
- Further details are given to successful applicants following the outcome of their application.

^{*} In some cases applicants may be 'on the cusp' of some of these roles.

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Application for Admission to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists ad eundem

[Please complete this part electronically and email to: membership@rcoa.ac.uk or return a hard copy by post to the address at the bottom of the form for this application form]

Part 1

[Full name printed in capital letters]

Of,

[address]

Holding the following specialist qualification in anaesthesia granted outside the UK

[Full title, date awarded and awarding body]

do hereby declare that:

I was duly admitted to such specialist qualification having previously passed the necessary Examination or examinations required by the statutes of the said awarding body.

I am in practice in the United Kingdom in a substantive or honorary consultant post.

I have no restrictions on practice in the UK and I believe that I fulfil all the eligibility requirements.

I am not the subject of a current GMC investigation.

I am interested to be a part of the Membership Engagement panel*.

*The Membership Engagement Panel is an online virtual panel of membership that receive surveys and opportunities to share feedback to the College and help us shape future strategy and work.

My GMC Number is:	My College Reference Number (CRN) (if issued):	
Have you previously applied for Fellow ad eundem?	If so, when did you apply? (Please give year/s)	

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Applicant's summary of how they are furthering the interests of the College. Please read the guidance notes before completing this box.

Please type your summary of how you have furthered the interests of the College within this box. We will contact you if we require any further information.		

Remember to attach your CV

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Part 2

Support from six Fellows in good standing with the College

Please print off this page and return a hard copy to the College or alternatively send a scanned copy to membership@rcoa.ac.uk

Full name of applicant:	
GMC number:	
Postal address of applicant:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	

Supporting Fellows declaration:

I have carefully read the Regulations for Fellowship ad eundem and the accompanying guidance. Mindful of the regulations and the guidance, I confirm that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Fellowship.

	Full name (capital letters) of Supporting Fellow	College Reference Number or GMC number	Signature
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Signature of applicant:	
Date:	

Please email this form to: membership@rcoa.ac.uk or return it to:

The Membership Team

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