

Suitability Criteria

Background

The Wounds Australia Fellow is a prestigious award of Wounds Australia, established to recognise significant service to the organisation or those who have made a significant contribution to wound management in Australia or internationally.

Fellow status is a distinction conferred by Wounds Australia on full members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of the science and practice of wound management. Among the considerations for this distinction are academic, professional, clinical, legislative or other meritorious accomplishments.

Candidacy Suitability

Candidacy and suitability for fellowship will be illustrated by fulfilment of at least 80% of each of two of the following categories. Eligibility is inclusive of the period of time before Wounds Australia was incorporated as a limited company and the organisation functioned as the Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA).

Each of these lists is not to be seen as exhaustive, with other examples of outstanding activity also possibly satisfying the category.

Fellowship Categories

Wounds Australia Fellowship is awarded in recognition of an individual's contribution across two or more of the following categories. The lists are not exhaustive: candidates may demonstrate achievement through the activities listed or through other outstanding activities.

1. Outstanding contribution to Wounds Australia Board, Portfolio, Working Group, Committee or Sub-committee activities. This may include:
 - Long service to Wounds Australia on any or a combination of these groups of at least 10 years;
 - Leadership of at least one of the Wounds Australia Board, portfolios, working groups, committees or sub-committees;
 - A Lead role in organising at least 2 Wounds Australia biennial national conference or Wounds Australia-affiliated International conference/s;
 - Leadership in two or more other Wounds Australia activities;
 - Holding at least three different volunteer positions within Wounds Australia;
 - Officially represented Wounds Australia or significantly contributed to other related organisations on a national or international level.

2. Educational leadership. This may include:

- Having held the position of Chair in a wound management organisation at a state, national or international level;
- Made a significant editorial contribution to Wound Practice and Research through membership of the Editorial Board (for a time period not less than five years);
- As an Author or editor of wound management or related book or guide, including book chapters;
- Establishment of and/or contribution to CPD accredited or University Post Graduate Certificate level and above programs related to wound management;
- Teaching and training activities in wound management at both an undergraduate and post graduate level, including invitations to act as a key-note speaker within Australia and/or internationally.

3. Research leadership. This may include:

- Awarded a Chair in wound research, at a state level, nationally or internationally;
- Primary author of a minimum of four significant research articles in wound management, published in peer-reviewed journals;
- Co-author of a minimum of eight (8) significant research articles in wound management published in peer-reviewed journals;
- Establishment/development of a lead wound research centre;
- Obtained a higher degree of Masters, doctorate or post doctorate in wound related research.

4. Clinical leadership. This may include:

- Being regarded as a leading clinician in wound management in Australia and/or internationally by their peers;
- Contribution to the development of nationally or internationally accepted wound management standards, consensus documents, clinical guidelines or pathways;
- Contribution to and exemplary work in translating or extending wound management from research into practical application, dissemination or implementation;
- Establishment of innovative wound management services;
- Superior sustained effort that contributed significantly to the mission of Wounds Australia regarding the advancement of wound management.