RCN Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship
The pride of the RCN

The Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship are the highest awards the Royal College of Nursing can bestow. They are given to those who have made an exceptional contribution to nursing or health care – whether through clinical innovation, leadership, research or practice development.

We know that people are doing great work throughout the UK and the world, but we need RCN members to let us know about them so that we can recognise their achievements.

If you know someone who has dedicated themselves to nursing and health care – someone who makes you proud to be a nurse – then please nominate them today.

RCN Fellowships are awarded to RCN members who are registered nurses in the UK who have made an exceptional contribution to nursing and/or health care.

Honorary Fellowships are awarded to individuals who are not nurses but have had a significant impact on nursing or health care, or to nurses registered outside the UK who have made an exceptional contribution in their country or internationally.

What do the awards mean?
The Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship awards are very prestigious. They were first awarded in 1976, and each year they are given out at a special ceremony at RCN Congress.

New Fellows and Honorary Fellows join an outstanding group of people who have made a real difference to others and to the science and art of nursing. The RCN often calls on the expertise and experience of Fellows to help with projects.

Fellows and Honorary Fellows are entitled to the letters FRCN after their name.

How can you nominate someone?
To submit a nomination, fill in this form and send it to us, or use the online form at www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards

You can now submit nominations throughout the year – there is no closing date. Nominations will be considered at the next Awards Panel meeting.

Any RCN member can nominate someone, except those employed by the RCN. In addition, country or regional boards, branches and forums can also submit group nominations.
You will need three other people to support a nomination. They do not have to be RCN members but again must not be RCN staff. It is recommended that they come from a range of backgrounds so as to demonstrate the reach of the nominee’s work. Each must submit a testimonial showing why they think the individual has made an exceptional contribution to nursing or health care.

We recommend that you do not tell the nominee about the nomination, so as to avoid disappointment should the nomination be unsuccessful.

**What should you write on the nomination form?**
The nominator and supporters are asked to write testimonials about the nominee and submit these with the form. These should show how the nominee has made an exceptional contribution to nursing and health care. How have they developed practice? How have they improved patient care? What innovations have they introduced? How have they inspired you?

You also need to submit contact details and information about the nominee’s employment history. We understand that it is hard to find out details about another person – especially while keeping it a secret – so just put as much information as you can. We can, for example, find the person’s RCN membership number for you.

**Who decides?**
Each nomination is considered by an awards panel, which then makes recommendations to RCN Council. The panel meets a few times a year and is made up of the President, Deputy President, Chair and Vice Chair of RCN Council, the Chief Executive & General Secretary, and other Council members.

When you submit a nomination, it will be considered at the panel’s next meeting. If it is successful, then the award will be given out at the following Congress. You can find out when the next meeting is at [www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards](http://www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards)

**Other information**
- Unfortunately we cannot accept posthumous nominations.
- Nominators and supporters can only make one nomination per year.

**Want to submit your form online?**
Online forms are available at [www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards](http://www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards)

**Need help completing the form?**
If you have any questions or need help and advice on completing the form, or would prefer it in a different format, please contact the governance team on governance.support@rcn.org.uk or 020 7647 3640. More information is available online at [www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards](http://www.rcn.org.uk/rcnawards)
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Nomination form

Section 1: Details of the nominee

I am nominating this person for (please delete as appropriate so that your chosen category remains):
- RCN Fellowship
- RCN Honorary Fellowship (please note that Honorary Fellows may not be members of the RCN)

Name:
Home address:
Telephone (home):
Telephone (work):
Telephone (mobile):
Email address:
RCN membership number (if applicable):
Nominee’s current post:
International registration details (if applicable):
Professional qualifications and/or awards and honours (including scholarships):
RCN offices held (if applicable):

Section 2: Details of nominator

Name:
Home address:
Telephone (home):
Telephone (work):
Telephone (mobile):
Email address:
RCN membership number (if applicable):
Nominator’s current post:
In what capacity do you know the nominee?:
Section 3: Details of supporters

Supporter 1
Name:
Position:
Home address:
Telephone:
Email address:

Supporter 2
Name:
Position:
Home address:
Telephone:
Email address:

Supporter 3
Name:
Position:
Home address:
Telephone:
Email address:
Section 4: Testimonials

The nominator and three supporters should each submit a testimonial about the nominee and why they should receive a Fellowship/Honorary Fellowship. They should evidence the unique and original contribution the nominee has made to the advancement of nursing and/or health care through leadership, practice development or academic achievement and the impact of that contribution on patient care. The testimonials should also demonstrate the reach of the nominee’s work and the extent to which their work and expertise is recognised by others working in the same field.

Nominator testimonial:
Supporter testimonial one:
Supporter testimonial two:
Supporter testimonial three:
Section 5: CV

Please also write a summary CV for the nominee with this form. If you cannot find out the full employment history of the nominee, just put as much information as you can and we will endeavour to help you fill in any blanks.
Section 6: Declaration

You also need to sign the following declaration:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the nominee is of such professional and personal standing as to uphold the dignity of a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom.

Signed (nominator):
Date:

Submitting the nomination

Please send this nomination form in an envelope marked ‘RCN awards’ to:

Jane Clarke, Director of Governance Support
Royal College of Nursing
20 Cavendish Square
London W1G 0RN

Or email to governance.support@rcn.org.uk

Make sure that you have included:

- the form, filled out in full and with a signed declaration
- testimonials from the nominator and three supporters
- a summary CV of the nominee.

Nominations will be acknowledged within seven days. If you have not received this after that time, please contact us on governance.support@rcn.org.uk or 020 7647 3640.