



# Distinguished Life Fellowship Award

**Distinguished Life Fellowship of ACN is awarded to Fellows for outstanding professional achievements and contributions.**

**Purpose:** To recognise outstanding achievements and ongoing contributions to ACN and the profession.

## Eligibility criteria

- Nominees must be residing in Australia
- Nominees with a minimum of ten years of Fellowship
- Awards may be granted posthumously
- Nomination by spouse or significant other not accepted
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- NO weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated

## Selection criteria

- Significant evidence of activities where outstanding leadership capability has been previously recognised
- A minimum of 10 years Fellowship of ACN
- At least three examples of active and exceptional participation in ACN activities from the list below
- Exceptional contribution to the nursing profession and to health care (locally, nationally and/or internationally) through clinical practice, education, research, policy and/or management
- Demonstrated evidence of relevant postgraduate education in leadership and/or management in clinical practice, research, education, policy and/or management that has enabled the applicant to contribute as a leader within the nursing profession.
- Continuous financial membership of ACN

## Information to assess and compare nominations against the above criteria:

- ACN Board or other ACN committee representation
- Contribution to ACN policy submissions
- Contribution to ACN publication(s)
- Presentation at ACN event(s)
- Review of ACN Grants and Awards applications
- Active involvement in ACN Conferences and/or Forums
- Acting as a representative of ACN in an official capacity
- Lead roles in an ACN Region or Community of Interest
- Review ACN conference papers/articles
- Other personal, academic or professional achievements

**Note:** Each nomination is to be accompanied by a completed ACN DLF nomination form and the contact details of two referees (either two fellows or one member and one fellow) who each provide a statement of (up to 200 words) of support stating:

- the capacity in which you have known the applicant/nature of your relationship to the applicant:
- the length of time you have known the applicant
- amplification of the applicant's claims of significant and sustained contributions as per the selection criteria.

**Note:** when referencing involvement with ACN, this includes involvement with ACN's two founding organisations – Royal College of Nursing, Australia and The College of Nursing.