ANZTS Fellowship Framework

Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Trauma Society (FANZTS)

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Purpose

The Fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand Trauma Society (FANZTS) is an honorary recognition awarded to ANZTS members who demonstrate significant experience, leadership, contribution, and commitment to trauma care, education, research, quality improvement, or trauma systems.

Fellowship Scope

- Medical
- Nursing
- Allied Health
- Trauma Registry
- Prehospital Care
- Other Board-approved categories

Fellowship Categories

Associate Fellow (AFANZTS): Recognition of developing expertise and contribution.

Fellow (FANZTS): Recognition of substantial expertise, leadership, and sustained contribution.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

- Current ANZTS membership for a minimum of two years
- Current professional registration/credentialing where applicable
- Recommendation from a FANZTS, ANZTS Director, or two ANZTS members
- Full attendance at a minimum of two ANZ trauma conferences in the preceding five years
- Evidence of ongoing involvement in trauma practice, leadership, education, research, registry, administration, or systems development (position description or similar)
- Current curriculum vitae and supporting evidence (see craft group specific criteria)

Assessment Framework

Domains

- Professional Memberships (exclude ANZTS)
- Trauma Leadership & Experience
- Education & Courses (attended)
- Postgraduate Qualifications (completed)
- Conference Presentations
- Publications
- Trauma service improvement

Point Thresholds

Maximum points per domain to be determined by individual craft group fellowship criteria

Associate Fellow (AFANZTS): Mandatory criteria plus minimum 10 points.

Fellow (FANZTS): Mandatory criteria plus minimum 15 points and demonstrated leadership.

Governance Framework

1. Specific domain criteria developed for each craft group category by specialty working groups and endorsed by Best Practice committee. Final approval for fellowship criteria is granted by the ANZTS Board of Directors (BOD) and all criteria will be reviewed every 3 years
2. Applications for fellowship are submitted through the ANZTS Secretariat and forwarded to the Chair of Best Practice Committee for review to ensure meet criteria (by delegation to most appropriate craft group member of Best Practice committee or to an appropriate Director). Committee members shall not assess applications where a conflict exists.
3. Applicants will be notified in writing about the outcome regardless of its outcome. Applicants may appeal for a review to identify the perceived concern and provide further supporting evidence. Appeals will be reviewed by the Board of Directors to decide on an outcome.
4. Following Board endorsement of fellow applicants, names will be announced at annual conference and published on ANZTS website within field of specialty

Maintenance of Fellowship

To retain postnominals, fellows must maintain ANZTS membership, remain in good professional standing, and demonstrate ongoing contribution. A minimum of 5 points annually (in any one or combination of domains) is required to maintain fellowship status.

Conditions of Fellowship

- Fellowship is an honorary recognition and not a qualification
- Postnominals may only be used while fellowship requirements are maintained
- Fellowship may be revoked if conduct brings ANZTS into disrepute (including knowingly misrepresents eligibility or uses post nominals inappropriately). Where this is known to have occurred, the fellow will be notified in writing and have an opportunity to respond. The Board of Directors will review and decide on the outcome.
- Eligibility criteria will be periodically reviewed by ANZTS every 3 years. Those awarded fellowship prior to eligibility changes must continue to demonstrate they meet current criteria through the updated maintenance requirements (see above)