

Fellowship by Election

Guidance for applicants

Before you submit your application, ensure you have the following documents:

- Completed application form with supporting statement (maximum 500 words) explaining how your experience and achievements demonstrate the contribution you have made to paediatrics and child health
- Two letters of support from proposers, current RCPCH Fellows, at least one of whom must be based in the UK or Republic of Ireland

Evidence of distinction

- At least three years working in a substantive, non-training post
- Postgraduate qualification in paediatrics and child health or an allied specialty, e.g. MRCPCH, DCH, PHD, MD
- Publications and journal articles on which you are a first-named author in international peer-reviewed journals, such as Archives of Disease in Childhood. You should list three most important publications in your application
- Contribution to other publications, e.g. books, educational materials, information for parents and families etc
- Invited lectures and presentations at National or International meetings
- Contribution to the work of major National /International organisations and /or charities working with children e.g. UNICEF, Save The Children
- Work for Parent/Carer organisations
- Service improvement/Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives
- Local leadership roles
- Leadership of paediatric /child health organisations/paediatric specialty groups
- Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and education work

Guidance for proposing candidates

If you are asked to write a letter of support for a candidate who is applying for Fellowship by Election, please include the following information about yourself:

- Name
- RCPCH number or email address for identity verification
- Letterhead of employing organisation/NHS Trust
- Signature
- Name of candidate

There is no template for what you need to include within your letter. You do not need to include information about what the candidate has achieved in their career, but you should feel confident in the candidate's clinical abilities and suitability to undertake activities associated with Fellowship, such as examining for the College or taking on other formal roles.