

Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

Fellow of Dietitians Australia (FDA)

RATIONALE AND PURPOSE

This honour recognises exceptional excellence in practice and/or service to the profession at the highest level, delivering impact that has strengthened and progressed the profession. The number of Fellows in any year is not limited.

FORM OF THE HONOUR

The successful nominee will receive:

- A framed *Fellow of Dietitians Australia* certificate
- Their name and photo published in the Dietitians Australia Annual Report
- Their name listed in the Awards section of the Dietitians Australia website and opportunity for promotion of their work via Dietitians Australia's social media channels and/or at Dietitians Australia events
- Their name promoted through various member communication channels as part of overall award promotions (i.e. social media, Share Plate and/or direct email)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To satisfy the eligibility criteria, the nominee must meet the following:

1. Be a [full member](#) of Dietitians Australia
2. Hold Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitian (AdvAPD) status
3. Been an active and respected member of the profession and a leader in a particular field or fields
4. Engaged with the profession of dietetics at a high level for at least 10 years
5. Has reached a significant achievement in dietetics and made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

ACHIEVING THE FDA HONOUR

The FDA honour is open to Advanced APDs working across all practice areas. Nominations will be evaluated on the following:

Significant Achievement in Dietetics

Examples of achievements may include:

- Evidenced-based impact at organisational, local, state, national and/or international levels
- Leadership that has fostered significant outcomes within and beyond the profession
- Advances in practice, business or education that has built significant capacity and lifted the capability and reputation of the profession
- Research activity that has changed practice, or practice that has influenced future research or changes in policy.

Outstanding Contribution to the Profession

Examples of outstanding contributions may include:

- Advocacy, innovation or policy development led or co-led by the applicant that has made a measurable difference to advancing the profession
- Sustained contribution as an evidence-based voice in the media or other platforms
- Eminent service to the profession in a particular practice area
- Sustained leadership that has resulted in tangible outcomes.

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Nominations will open at least once a year
2. Nominations should include an application, the candidate's curriculum vitae or LinkedIn profile, letters from referees and optional appendices
3. Nomination documentation as outlined above is to be submitted via the Dietitians Australia [Awards Portal](#).

NOMINATION COMPONENTS

1. Significant Achievement in Dietetics

The nomination must include a response to the following (maximum 550 words):

- What has changed in the field of nutrition and dietetics because of the nominee's actions?
- What is this impact of these actions? Include the significance and how widespread the impact is.
- If part of a wider team, specify the role of the nominee.

2. Outstanding Contribution to the Profession

The nomination must include a response to the following (maximum 550 words):

- What makes the nominee stand out from other dietitians?
- In what way(s) has the nominee exceeded what might be reasonably expected of a Dietitians Australia member?

- How has this contribution made a difference to Dietitians Australia and/or the dietetic profession?

3. Career Achievements

Career experience and achievements must be provided via a current curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages) **and/or** hyperlink to a LinkedIn profile.

4. Letters of Support

The nomination must include a minimum of 2 letters (maximum 1 page per letter) from referees, outlining their support for the member's nomination. At least 1 referee must be an Advanced APD or Fellow.

5. Optional Appendix

Evidence of certificates, awards or other evidence material may be included as an appendix (maximum 10 pages). Hyperlinks to videos, media or other evidence material may be included. Please note weighting will be placed on information provided in the application and the appendix is optional.

METHOD OF SELECTION

- The Awards and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) will be responsible for the selection. The Board has final approval on recommendations by ARAC.
- ARAC will consider nominations in accordance with the requisites associated with the honour.
- ARAC will meet at least once annually to assess nominations. Nominees will be provided with an update following the determination of the outcome.
- Dietitians Australia and ARAC reserves the right to review information outside of the member's nomination to inform decision making and the decision is final.

NOTIFICATION

- The nominees will be notified of the outcome following the ARAC's determination, with feedback provided to the nominee by the Secretariat.
- The successful nominees will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia awards promotions and Annual Report.