



## **Application Process for FCSANZ**

Applicants for FCSANZ are to be nominated by two current financial FCSANZ members who do not have a familial relationship with the applicant

Applications for FCSANZ go through the following process which can take several months:

1. Review by the Regional Committee in which the applicant resides. Nursing and Allied Health professional submissions will be reviewed by the relevant Cardiovascular Nursing Council or Allied Health Science and Technology Council;
2. Applications are listed for review by the Professional and Ethical Standards Committee (PESC);
3. Applications and the recommendation from the Regional Committee and PESC are then listed for consideration by the Board.

Applicants should be aware that the Board meets four times each year. Applications are **not** ratified outside of these meetings. An application needs to be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the applicant wishes to be considered.

## **FCSANZ Eligibility Criteria and Nominator Eligibility**

### **1. Physicians and Surgeons:**

- Physicians and Surgeons who are practising independently and have shown that their primary interest and commitment is the practice of cardiovascular medicine or cardiothoracic surgery, or in these allied subjects approved by The Society;
- At least three (3) years post completion of recognised specialty training in cardiology or cardiothoracic surgery. Such recognised training includes Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians with specialty training in cardiology or Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons with specialty training in cardiothoracic surgery (“Specialty Training”);
- Post-graduate training and qualifications equivalent to the Specialty Training together with registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (or successor body) or New Zealand Medical Council (or successor body) as a practicing cardiologist or cardiothoracic surgeon will be considered by the Board.

### **2. Scientists / Research:**

- Scientists or Research Academics with a doctoral degree;
- At least three (3) years post-doctoral experience;
- Principal field of research is cardiovascular disease;
- Conducting scholarly research independently (i.e grant track record, publications, student supervision);

- Must demonstrate leadership in the advancement of cardiovascular health, via relevant leadership positions, and/or research standing, and/or impact of research.

### **3. Nursing or Allied Health Professionals:**

- Nursing or allied health professionals, with relevant qualifications, who fall under the remit of either the Cardiovascular Nursing Council or Allied Health Science Technology Council.
- Registration with the relevant Australian or New Zealand regulatory body as/if applicable to that profession
- Principal field of work is cardiovascular health care
- Either:
  - i. At least three (3) years working clinically in a senior leadership position in cardiovascular health care (typically, this will include experienced clinicians with extensive specialist knowledge or broad generalist knowledge; holding a supervisory or leadership role within a department or organisation; and/or holding additional expertise/roles in delivery or development of cardiovascular health care); OR
  - ii. At least three (3) years of demonstrated leadership in the advancement of cardiovascular health (typically, this will be demonstrated by holding relevant leadership positions within cardiovascular health care, research standing, and/or impact of cardiovascular health care research or delivery).

### **Clause 6.2 a) of the Constitution states:**

Fellows of The Society must maintain continuing financial membership. Fellows of The Society must demonstrate continuing commitment to the advancement of education and research in cardiovascular disease, e.g. through participation in an accredited continuing education programme, publication of research papers or similar activities. Fellows of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand shall have the right to use the post-nominal identification FCSANZ.