

AIOH Fellow Membership

Guidance and Criteria

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Introduction

Fellowship is awarded to members who have made a distinguished contribution to both the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH) and to advancing the profession of occupational hygiene.

The AIOH celebrates that occupational hygienists protect worker health in a variety of ways, including general and specialist practice, research, education, policy, regulation and the provision of specialist equipment and resources. These areas provide the equally important specialisations for our profession to be successful.

While reducing occupational illness is the aim of every occupational hygienist, the award of Fellowship of the AIOH is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate members who have demonstrated commitment and lasting impact to our association and our profession which goes beyond and above this aim.

Each year, those granted this honour are recognised during the AIOH Annual Scientific Conference & Exhibition's Gala Dinner are entitled to use the post-nominal FAIOH.

Fellowship is considered for nominated and eligible members whose contributions to the profession and AIOH meet these criteria.

FELLOW ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Fellowship, nominees must:

- Be a Full Member of the AIOH for at least five (5) years in good standing
 - under special circumstances, Council may reduce this period as per Rules and Statement of Purpose section 6.2.4,
- Have a minimum of fifteen (15) years' experience working in a professional capacity in occupational hygiene,
- Be a member who maintains professional ethical behaviour,
- Have demonstrated active, committed and ongoing service to the AIOH,
- Have demonstrated active and committed service to developing and promoting the knowledge and practice of occupational hygiene to a distinguished level,
- Be working at the highest level of professionalism,
- Be nominated and seconded by a Full or Fellow Member of the Institute in a fully confidential manner.

*** Holders of a recognised certification scheme in the AIOH or other affiliated body must be fully maintained within the guidelines of that scheme.*

Current AIOH Council members are ineligible to be nominated for Fellowship.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Read the accompanying award documentation and submit electronically to the AIOH office (membership@aioh.org.au). Applications must be made using the electronic form available on the website.

- Fellowship is awarded by a process of nomination by the membership or Council. Self-nominated applications will not be considered.
- Nomination must remain strictly confidential, that is, the person being nominated for this award must not be approached for information or permission or be advised of their nomination at any stage.

The selection of Fellowship is based upon the information provided in the application, therefore detail demonstrating how the selection criteria is met is essential.

The AIOH office can assist in the provision or addition of membership information (to the Council) which may be unknown and/or confidential, including membership and financial standing and maintained professional competence level.

The decision to grant a Fellowship upon meeting the required criteria, is determined by Council.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A summary should be provided including:

1. Academic and occupational hygiene qualifications
2. Positions held, years of experience and summary of responsibilities
3. Service and contributions to the AIOH
4. Contributions to occupational hygiene both nationally and/or internationally
5. A brief statement about the nominee specifically addressing the qualifying criteria.

Service to the AIOH may include such activities as ongoing, active and reliable:

- Council, committee, boards and/or panel membership
- Participation in AIOH initiatives and forums
- Promotion and/or representation of AIOH in public or allied forums
- Presentation or organisation of AIOH webinars, conferences, chapter meetings
- Provision of support and/or mentorship of new, emerging or mid-career occupational hygienists, plus

- An ethical OH of good standing, maintained professional competence, and of high professionalism and knowledge in the OH community

Service to the OH profession may include such activities as:

- Publications, presentations and conference papers and/or chapters
- Programs, education and services to the community, membership or allied professions
- Participation or representation on external committees, councils, AIOH Foundation, representation on allied boards and external panels, standards or ISO boards
- Promotion and presentation of research and information
- Influence through additional services to community and other OHs
- WHS charitable works
- Promotion and influence in new technologies and/or methodologies
- Advocacy of OH to wider public or allied professions.

A summary <250 words on how the nominated applicant has demonstrated active, committed and ongoing service to the AIOH and OH profession.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The *AIOH Conflict of Interest Policy* shall apply in relation to this award. Where Council or a working group member has a conflict of interest in relation to nomination, assessment or selection for this award, they shall comply fully with the requirements of the *AIOH Conflict of Interest Policy*

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is critical to the integrity of the Award that the nomination, assessment, selection and notification process remain strictly confidential.

A person being nominated for this award must not be approached for information or advised of his or her nomination at any stage

AWARD RECOGNITION

The recipient of Fellowship at the AIOH will be upgraded to a Fellow Member with use of post nominal FAIOH. Renewal Annual fees will be based on the approved membership fees based on the AGM. New Fellow members will be formally recognised. The award comprises of a certificate of recognition issued by AIOH.

No monetary prize, honorarium, or additional benefits are associated with this award.

DEFINITIONS

Affiliated Body

An organisation, institute, certification body or professional association formally recognised by the AIOH as having objectives aligned with the advancement of occupational hygiene or worker health.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the AIOH convened in accordance with the Constitution and applicable legislation.

Full Member

A member who has met the requirements for Full Membership of the AIOH and is entitled to use the post-nominal MAIOH. Has been a Full Member for a minimum of 5 years.

Good Standing

A member who is current with all membership and certification fees, is not suspended or subject to disciplinary action, and continues to meet the requirements of their membership grade and, where applicable, Certified Occupational Hygienist (COH)[®] certification.

Recognised Certification

A professional certification awarded by the AIOH or an affiliated body that is recognised as demonstrating professional competency and ongoing maintenance of professional standards.

Ethical Behaviour

Conduct that demonstrates honesty, integrity, professionalism and compliance with the AIOH Code of Conduct and applicable professional standards.

Occupational Hygiene (OH)

The anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control of workplace health hazards to protect worker health and wellbeing.

Professional Capacity

Employment, consulting, academic, regulatory, research or other professional activities undertaken within occupational hygiene or a related discipline.

Quick Links

- [Fellow Nomination Form](#)
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Queries may be directed to AIOH Office at membership@aioh.org.au

