

Rewarding sonographers for achievement and service

Application Guide

Why become a Fellow of the ASA?

Becoming a Fellow is recognition of your significant contribution to the sonography profession and the ASA and is a reflection of your dedication and professionalism.

Fellowship of the ASA is an immediately recognised hallmark of a specialist of the highest professional standing. Only Fellows of the ASA can use the post-nominal (FASA), which will be recognised worldwide.

Fellowship is a symbol that the holder has not only met the requirements for admission to fellowship, but remains a member in good standing with a professional organisation that has the highest aspirations for the sonography profession and high-quality patient care.

The establishment of the ASA fellowship program is an important step towards advanced practice for sonographers.

FASA entry requirements

1. Successful application for Associate Fellowship (AFASA)
2. To be conferred a Fellow of the ASA, a **minimum of 120 Fellowship points** within **at least 3 categories, with points achieved from at least one activity within the category 'ASA Service' and with one activity in two of the following categories 'Education, Publications, Presentations, Awards, Leadership-Other**. A minimum of 80 points must be for ASA-specific activities; supporting evidence for all non-ASA related activities must be included with all applications.

The 120 points are to be accrued over a 3-year period prior to the date of the application AND after having been awarded an Associate Fellowship of the ASA (AFASA). All achievements must be dated after you have been awarded an Associate Fellowship of the ASA.

ASA Fellowship – FASA

Table of Professional Achievements



Fellowship fees

\$250 including GST on application. This is a one-off charge that covers our administration costs.

Review process

Applications will be reviewed by the ASA Fellowship Panel. Applicants who have successfully reached the 120 points required will be contacted prior to the public announcement.

Applications that do not meet the requirement or have insufficient information will be contacted by ASA Member Services.

Lodging your application

Please apply online at www.sonographers.org – Fellowship is located under the Membership menu.

OR email to memberservices@sonographers.org

Please allow up to 20 business days for your application to be processed.

Checklist

- I have completed the signed Application Form
- I have included an up to date CV
- I have completed the Payment Form.

Application enquiries

For more information please contact ASA Member Services

Email: memberservices@sonographers.org **Phone:** + 61 3 9552 0000



FASA Application Form

First name:

Surname:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Email address:

ASA member number:

Personal declaration

- I am a current AFASA Member of the ASA
- I have included an up to date CV
- I agree to meet the minimum criteria of 120 points within at least 3 categories - with a minimum of 80 points for ASA specific activities, as outlined in the Table of Professional Achievements
- I agree to pay an application fee of \$250 including GST and understand that the application fee is non-refundable
- I have completed the FASA Payment Form.

Signed:

Date:

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FASA Payment Form

The application fee (\$250 incl. GST per application) is a one-off charge, which covers our administration costs.

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All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and include 10% GST.

ASA Fellowship assessment – FASA



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Applications can be submitted at any time once the 120 points have been accumulated.

Name: _____

Date Associate Fellowship of ASA awarded: _____

Application Date: _____

ASA Service		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASA Board, SPAC or EAC (10 points per year) (maximum 30 points) ASA Committee Chairperson – completion of a full term as Chairperson (5 points per year) ASA Committee Secretary – completion of a full term as Secretary (5 points per year) Any other ASA Committee – (2 points per year) ASA Conference Convener (Co-Convener) (10 points per conference) ASA Conference Committee (5 points per conference) <i>Sonography</i> Editorial Board (10 points per year) <i>Sonography</i> Editorial Review Panel (5 points per article reviewed – maximum of 30 points) Service on behalf of the committee will also be considered on a 1 point per hour basis (e.g. Best practice guidelines, poster design, <i>soundeffects</i> news articles) (maximum 10 points per committee) (<i>applicant is unable to claim points to be on a committee and then claim points for the actual guideline once published</i>). ASA Annual conference – ASA Arena Panel (1 point) ASA Podcast Presenter (interviewer) (1 point) 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Research Higher Degree (RHD) qualification relevant to the sonography profession (documentation to be provided) - (10 points for Master's degree and/or 20 points for Doctorate) Currently enrolled in Research Higher Degree (RHD) education degree relevant to the sonography profession (5 points per year for Master's degree, maximum 10 points and/ or 10 points per year for Doctorate, maximum 20 points) Completed additional higher-level qualification (AQF 9 or 10) specific to the sonographer profession (5 points per qualification, maximum 10 points). Qualifications not covered in the above will be considered on a case-by-case basis, please provide your qualification and justification relevant to the sonography profession (2 points per qualification, max 10 points). 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
Publications (ultrasound related only) (**see notes in below)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article(s) published in ASA peer-reviewed journal, <i>Sonography First Author</i> (25 points per publication) Article(s) published in ASA peer-reviewed journal, <i>Sonography Second and Subsequent Author</i> (15 points per publication) Article(s) published in other international peer-reviewed journal or book chapter (10 points per publication, maximum 30 points) Author of a sonography-related textbook (25 points per publication) Editorials and/or significant contribution to a non-peer reviewed publication such as Making Waves or ASA <i>soundeffects</i> or ASA Poster (First author - 5 points per publication - maximum 3 publications - total 15 points). Editorials and/or significant contribution to a non-peer reviewed publication such as Making Waves or ASA <i>soundeffects</i> or ASA Poster (Second and subsequent author - 1 point per publication - maximum 3 publications - total 3 points). (<i>please specify your contribution</i>) Research project published by the ASA as a 'Best practice guideline' (10 points per publication) Case study published in <i>Sonography</i> (20 points per publication) Article published in web-based publications (5 points per publication, maximum 15 points) 		
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Presentations (ultrasound related only)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique presentation at ASA's Annual International Conference, SIG Symposium, Travelling Workshop, asawebinar and/or Masterclass (oral, ePoster or live- scanning workshop) (20 per presentation) • Presentation at ASA Branch Education meeting, Education Video, Podcast (interviewee – prorata/per hour) (1 hour 10 points/30 minutes 5 points/15 minutes 2.5 points/<15 minutes 1 point). • Presentation at State Meetings - 5 minutes and under (1 point per presentation) • Presentation at national/international conferences other than the ASA (10 points per presentation, maximum 30 points) • Presentation of non-ASA webinar (10 points per presentation, maximum 30 points) • Presentations within your workplace and/or local area other than ASA (5 points per presentation, maximum 15 points) 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
ASA Awards		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an ASA Award of Excellence (5 points – Bonus 10 points for Pru Pratten) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sonographer of the Year – The Pru Pratten Memorial Award b. Sonographer of the Year – (NSW/NT/QLD/SA/TAS/VIC/ACT/WA/NZ) c. Tutor of the Year – (<i>formerly</i> Mentor of the Year) d. Educator of the Year e. Researcher of the Year f. ASA Volunteer of the Year – The Sue Caitcheon Memorial Award (<i>formerly</i> Volunteer of the Year) • Best clinical presentation at the ASA Annual International Conference (10 points) • Best research presentation at the ASA Annual International Conference (10 points) • Best ePoster/case report at the ASA Annual International Conference (10 points) • Best overall presentation at the ASA Annual International Conference (10 points additional) 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
Leadership – Other		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving on a board, council and/or other committee for sonography-related entities other than the ASA (e.g. ASAR) (5 points per year) • Serving on an editorial board for an ultrasound journal other than ASA publications (5 points per year) • Outstanding contributions to the sonography profession and/or wider community (5 points per activity per year) • Abstract reviewer for conference presentations and/or professional journals (5 points per activity per year) 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
Subtotal: ASA- specific points (minimum of 80 points required for FASA):		
Total: Enter your total points (minimum of 120 required for a FASA):		

Guide:

When publishing or presenting as a result of a research project, the work must be different from previously presented/published work and not a reproduction or rebranding of the same work. Specifically, the title of the presentation needs to be different and where possible, the abstract presented to demonstrate the uniqueness compared to previous presentations/publications.

Similar topics will be carefully assessed, or Points will be awarded for the first Publication or Presentation of each unique topic. Topics, data, results and conclusions presented in a variety of forms will be assessed for their individual value. A publication, presentation and e-poster on the same topic will not be granted points in all categories, the decision of Member Services or the Fellowship Panel will be final.

* Supporting documentation for all non-ASA activities must be attached to your application (e.g. Certificate of appreciation, published editorial/article [full pdf version], web link to full article, ISBN for book/book chapters etc.)

** The following are generally considered warrants for authorship:

- a. Substantial contribution to the conception and design, data collection, and/or data analysis and interpretation for that publication, plus
- b. Contribution to the drafting and/or revision of the manuscript. See the [international guidelines](#) for authorship.

Applicants of foreign language publications and activities are to provide own copy of [English translation](#). Non-English publications will not be accepted/counted. Non-ASA activities may need justification.