

ASA Associate Fellowship (AFASA)



Rewarding sonographers for achievement and service

Application Guide

Why become an Associate Fellow of the ASA?

Becoming an Associate Fellow of the Australasian Sonographers Association (AFASA) is recognition of a sonographer's achievement and service in the profession of sonography by the Australasian Sonographers Association.

Awarded in recognition of professional excellence, an Associate Fellowship is held for the duration of membership with the ASA and entitles the member to use the post-nominal lettering 'AFASA'.

AFASA also forms the foundation requirement for future candidature as a Fellow of the ASA (FASA).

Entry requirements

To be conferred as an Associate Fellow of the ASA, an ASA Financial member must have a **minimum of 40 Fellowship points, 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'.**

All points must have been accrued within the 3 years preceding the application date for AFASA. Applications can be submitted at any time once the 40 points have been accumulated. **Table of Professional Achievements** (see page 3).

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 Member Services Team. Applicants who have successfully reached the 40 points required will be contacted prior to public announcement. Claimed items that are unclear will be clarified with the Applicant, or referred to the Fellowship Panel for final decision.

Applications that do not meet the requirements 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 10 business days for your application to be processed.

Checklist

- ☐ I have completed the signed AFASA Application Form
- ☐ I have documented my achievements in the Table of Professional Achievements
- ☐ I have provided supporting documentation for all non-ASA activities
- ☐ I have completed the Nomination Form containing two (2) nominator's details
- ☐ I have included an up to date CV of relevant, recent and current activity.
- ☐ I have completed the Payment Form.

Application enquiries

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



AFASA Application Form

First name:

Surname:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Email address:

ASA member number:

Personal declaration

- ☐ I am a current ASA Financial member of the ASA
- ☐ I have been an ASA Financial member for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years at the time of this application
- ☐ I have provided nominations by two current ASA Financial members
- ☐ I have postgraduate service as a sonographer to the equivalent of five (5) years' full time sonographic experience
- ☐ I meet the requirements for ASAR/NZMRTB registration as a Qualified Sonographer
- ☐ I hold advanced qualifications of Master's or PhD (not an essential requirement)
- ☐ I have included an up-to-date CV of relevant, recent and current activity
- ☐ I meet the minimum criteria of 40 points as outlined in the Table of Professional Achievements
- ☐ I agree to pay an application fee of \$250 (incl. GST) and understand that the application fee is non-refundable.

Signed:

Date:

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AFASA 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.



Nomination Form

Associate Fellowship of the ASA (AFASA) is recognition of a sonographer's achievement and service in the profession of sonography by the ASA. It is awarded in recognition of professional excellence and held for the duration of membership of the ASA.

Applicants for the Associate Fellowship are required to provide nominations by two (2) current ASA Financial members.

This form is to be completed by the nominators.

Nominations are confidential.

For more information, please contact:

ASA Member Services

Email: memberservices@sonographers.org

Phone: + 61 3 9552 0000

Who are you nominating?

Why are you nominating this person for an Associate Fellowship of the ASA?

Nominating member details:

Name:

Postal address:

ASA member number:

Mobile:

Phone:

Email:

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Name:

Contact details (phone and email):

Declaration

I give my assurance that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied for this nomination is true and correct at this date.

Signature:

Date:

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Table of Professional Achievements

To be conferred as an Associate Fellow of the ASA, ASA Financial members must have a **minimum of 40 Fellowship points, 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'** from the table below.

All points must have been accrued within 3 years preceding the application date for AFASA. Applications can be submitted at any time once the 40 points have been accumulated.

Name: _____

Application Date: _____

Please attach evidence of any non-ASA activities (*see notes below).

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 10 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 news</i> 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 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 soundeffects 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 soundeffects 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) 		
Date	Details (please specify based on criteria above)	Points
Presentations (ultrasound related only)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique presentation at ASA's Annual International Conference, SIG Symposium, Travelling Workshop, <i>asawebinar</i>, 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

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Table of Professional Achievements

ASA Awards		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received an ASA Award of Excellence (5 points – Bonus 10 points for Pru Pratten) <ul 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) g. Rural & Remote Sonographer of the Year h. Emerging Sonographer 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
Total: Enter your total points (minimum of 40 required for a AFASA):		

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:

- Substantial contribution to the conception and design, data collection, and/or data analysis and interpretation for that publication, plus
- 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.