

What is the EAOO Fellowship?

The European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) developed its Fellowship Programme as a mark of achievement to which all Academy members can aspire. Fellowship is held in high-esteem and is widely accessible to applicants who have made a significant contribution to optometry, optics or vision science at a local, national and/or international level.

Why you should apply?

The Academy's Fellowship application process is by a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate your achievements. It is intended to be supportive and enable Academy members from diverse backgrounds to aim for recognition by their peers. The portfolio may reflect your past and/or current roles and activities.

Being accepted as a Fellow of the Academy entitles you to use the letters "FEAOO" after your name, and you will be expected to be an active member and ambassador of the Academy.

What are the Fellowship Categories?

There are four categories for Fellowship. You may apply in one or two of the following four categories:

- 1 Clinical practice:** This category applies to you if you have made a significant contribution to clinical practice and/or technical innovation on a national and/or international level. You may have shared your experience as a presenter at national/international optometric/optical conferences and/or have published in peer-reviewed journals.
- 2 Research (optics, optometry, vision science):** This category applies to you if you have made a significant contribution to research and/or technical innovation, which has impact on a national and/or international level. You have presented your work at national and/or international conferences and you have published in peer-reviewed journals.
- 3 Education (optics, optometry, vision science):** This category applies to you if you have made a significant contribution to optometric/optical education, by for example improving your national level, designing an innovative training programme, supervising successful PhD students in visual science. You have presented at national and/or international conferences, published in peer-reviewed journals and may well be an author or significant contributor to significant textbooks used in optometric/optical education.
- 4 Professional advancement and/or management of visual healthcare:** This category applies to you if you have made a significant contribution to the professional advancement and/or management of visual healthcare. You have made an impact on government policy and/or are a chairman (or have a major role) of an optometric or optical committee deciding on optometric/optical policy and/or are a president of a national/international optometric/optical body. You may be a specialist adviser to optometrists/opticians. Your work has made an important contribution to the standards of eye care (locally, nationally or internationally). You may have been involved in public communication via newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

Who reviews the applications?

Fellowship applications are reviewed by independent assessors, against a number of criteria. For a successful application, you may be guided throughout the process by other EA00 Fellows and receive feedback on the case studies or documents you submit. The Fellowship working group reviews the recommendations made by the assessors and decides whether the candidate should be called to be interviewed by a panel at the Academy's annual conference.

You must be an Academy member to apply for Fellowship (for at least the year before the Fellowship interview)

Where can more information be found?

For more information, you are welcome to visit the EA00 website at www.eaoo.info, or e-mail us at fellowship@eaoo.info



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