

CFPC Fellowship Designation (FCFP): Information about the modified approach

You can access the [Fellowship nomination system](#) (for nominations, self-nominations and modified applications) during the nomination period, the first business day in January until March 31st each year.

The modified approach to Fellowship will be available annually during the nomination period until March 2021.

Eligibility Criteria for the Modified Approach to Fellowship

To be eligible for Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians (FCFP) through the modified approach, you:

- Are an active CFPC member in good standing
- Have held the Certification in the College of Family Physicians (CCFP) for at least 10 years prior to applying for Fellowship through the modified approach
- Will have started your second five-year MAINPRO® cycle by December 31, 2015
- Will have completed 25 Mainpro-C credits in your current cycle before December 31, 2015
- Have completed 25 Mainpro-C credits in your previous cycle

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for the modified approach, you can review your Mainpro transcript through your [CFPC member dashboard](#) or contact fellowship@cfpc.ca.

If you have not held your CCFP designation for a minimum of 10 years but have met the other criteria, once you have held your CCFP designation for 10 years, you may apply to receive your Fellowship designation. After March 2021 you will need to go through the nomination process.

Eligible Referees

Each modified application requires supporting statements from two referees, and at least one must be a CFPC member in good standing.

As the applicant, you must:

- Ensure their eligibility to act as referees
- Include a signed referee statement from each in your application

Patients and family members are not eligible to act as your referees for the Fellowship application.

Student and Resident members of the CFPC will not be permitted to act as *member* referees for the purpose of Fellowship applications. They may submit a referee statement but an eligible CFPC member

must also support the application. To confirm whether an individual is eligible to act as a member referee, please use this [search tool](#).

Referee Statement—Details and Guidelines

Please share these details with the referees you identify for your Fellowship application.

CFPC Fellows demonstrate a commitment to family medicine through contributions to their practice, their local health system, their community, their colleagues, and/or their profession.

Successful referee statements will describe the attributes and accomplishments of the prospective Fellow in sufficient detail to explain why they support the member in being granted Fellowship in the College.

Referee statements should not exceed 300 words. Examples of information and activities that could be detailed include:

- Do colleagues seek out the applicant for help with difficult cases?
- Have they been involved in teaching or research?
- Have they been part of initiatives that advance the discipline of family medicine?
- Is the applicant actively engaged in their community?
- Have they taken a leadership role in initiatives that benefit the community?
- Would any gaps appear in meeting community needs if the applicant were not there?
- What practice innovations have benefitted the applicant's patients?
- How does the applicant demonstrate commitment to their practice?
- What connections has the applicant built or maintained with patients? With co-workers? Within the community? Within a local health system? Within the profession?

Referee statements must be submitted as a PDF file that has been signed and dated by the author, as part of your application form.