

CFPC Fellowship Designation (FCFP): Information for nominees

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.

Eligibility Criteria for CFPC Fellowship – Self Nomination Route

To be eligible for nomination for the Fellowship designation (FCFP), you:

- Are an active CFPC member in good standing
- Have held Certification in the College of Family Physicians (CCFP) for at least 10 years prior to the nomination
- Must demonstrate a commitment to the broad range of competencies that characterize family physicians through activities related to at least four of the seven [CanMEDS-FM](#) roles (Leader, Collaborator, Communicator, Health Advocate, Scholar, Family Medicine Expert, Professional)
- Must demonstrate contributions to, or through, family medicine by upholding the Four Principles of Family Medicine), namely:
 - The family physician is a skilled clinician
 - Family medicine is a community-based discipline
 - The family physician is a resource to a defined practice population
 - The patient-physician relationship is central to the role of the family physician

Please confirm your eligibility for Fellowship nomination using this dedicated [search tool](#).

Nominee Statement—Details and Guidelines

To be granted the FCFP designation, your nominee statement must show your activities in at least four of the seven [CanMEDS-FM roles](#). This is to demonstrate that you have the broad spectrum of competencies that characterize family physicians. The seven roles are:

- **Family Medicine Expert:**
Family physicians, as skilled generalists, provide high-quality, responsive, community-adaptive care across the lifecycle, from prevention to palliation, in multiple settings, and for diverse populations. They value continuity and collaboration with other health care providers to optimize patients' outcomes. They use compassionate, patient-centred care when assessing and managing patient concerns, forming partnerships with patients, families, and communities to advocate when necessary for improvements to living conditions, resources, access, and care.

- **Communicator**
As Communicators, family physicians foster therapeutic relationships with patients and their families. This incorporates the dynamic exchanges that occur before, during, and after the medical encounter that facilitate gathering and sharing essential information for effective patient-centred health care.
- **Collaborator**
As Collaborators, family physicians work with patients, families, communities, and other health care providers to provide safe, high-quality, patient-centred care.
- **Leader**
Using leadership and management skills, family physicians are integral participants in health care organizations. Family physicians actively contribute to implementing and maintaining a high-quality health care system and take responsibility for delivering excellent patient care through their activities as clinicians, administrators, scholars, and/or teachers.
- **Health Advocate**
As Health Advocates, family physicians work in partnership with patients and communities, contributing their expertise and influence to improve health through an understanding of needs, as agents of change, and the mobilization of resources.
- **Scholar**
As Scholars, family physicians demonstrate a lifelong commitment to excellence in practice through: continuous learning and teaching others; gathering, combining, and evaluating evidence; and contributing to the creation and dissemination of knowledge.
- **Professional**
As Professionals, family physicians are committed to the health and well-being of their patients and society through competent medical practice; accountability to their patients, the profession, their colleagues, and society; profession-led regulation; ethical behaviour; and maintenance of personal well-being.

In the nomination form, you will be required to identify your activities and contributions in at least four of the seven roles, with each role described in 250 words or less. Activities in your nominee statement could encompass clinical, administrative, educational, research, and community contributions, including but not limited to:

- Community or practice engagement
- Continued learning
- Teaching activities
- Program development
- Practice innovation
- Leadership roles
- Promoting health in the community
- Speaking events
- Mentoring

You may also include up to five PDF documents or links to online content that support your nominee statement.

Nominator Statement—Details and Guidelines

Each nomination requires supporting statements from two nominators. At least one of the nominators must be a member of the CFPC in good standing. To confirm whether an individual is eligible to act as a

member nominator, please use this [search tool](#). Note: Your patients and family members are not eligible to nominate you for Fellowship.

Please share these details with the nominators you identify to support your nomination.

CFPC Fellows must demonstrate a commitment to the [four principles of family medicine](#) through significant contributions to their practice, their local health system, their community, and their colleagues and/or profession. Such contributions distinguish Fellows through accomplishment around:

- Clinical expertise
- Serving as a community resource
- Serving as a resource to a defined group of patients
- Building and nurturing the relationships in practice

A successful nomination describes a nominee's attributes and accomplishments in sufficient detail to allow reviewers to understand how the nominee demonstrates the four principles of family medicine in their practice. Examples of information that you could detail for each of these four principles include:

- 1. The family physician is a skilled clinician.**
 - Do colleagues seek out the nominee 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?
- 2. Family medicine is a community-based discipline.**
 - Is the nominee actively engaged in their community?
 - Have they taken a leadership role in initiatives that benefit the community?
 - Would any gaps in meeting community needs appear if the nominee were not there?
- 3. The family physician is a resource to a defined practice population.**
 - What practice innovations have benefitted the nominee's patients?
 - How does the nominee demonstrate commitment to their practice?
- 4. The patient-physician relationship is central to the role of the family physician.**
 - What connections has the nominee built or maintained with patients? With co-workers? Within the community? Within a local health system? Within the profession?

Highlighting the nominee's contributions in each of the four areas will help reviewers understand why the nominee should be granted Fellowship in the College.

Nominator statements should not exceed 500 words and must be submitted as a PDF file that has been signed and dated by the author (the nominator).