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# ARTP Fellowship Policy

## 1. Purpose

The ARTP Fellowship programme recognises individuals who have demonstrated sustained excellence, leadership, and significant contributions to respiratory and/or sleep physiology and the wider aims of the Association. Fellowship status represents the highest level of professional recognition within the ARTP.

Fellowship strengthens ARTP's authority and credibility when engaging with external stakeholders, enhances opportunities for mentorship and professional development, and builds a visible community of leaders who embody best practice. By awarding both Fellow and Honorary Fellow status, ARTP can recognise contributions from within the profession and acknowledge the vital role of external collaborators and advocates.

This programme will foster professional pride, long-term engagement with the Association, and ensure that ARTP continues to influence and shape the future of respiratory/sleep healthcare at national and international levels.

## 2. Alignment of Fellowship programme with ARTP strategy

The introduction of an ARTP Fellowship programme aligns directly with the Association's strategic aims. It provides formal recognition of excellence, leadership, and sustained contribution within respiratory and/or sleep physiology, supporting ARTP's mission to advance professional standards, education, and patient care. It supports the current ARTP strategic plan (2024-2028) through the following:

### 2.1. Education

- **Strategy Link:** ARTP plays a central role in delivering and accrediting training, qualifications, and CPD opportunities.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** Fellows can act as mentors, educators, and assessors, helping to strengthen the pipeline of skilled physiologists/scientists. Their expertise can also enhance ARTP's training programmes and curriculum development.

### 2.2. Workforce

- **Strategy Link:** ARTP values partnerships with allied professions, academia, and international bodies.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** By awarding Honorary Fellowships, ARTP can formally recognise external collaborators and advocates, strengthening relationships and enhancing the profession's profile.
- **Strategy Link:** ARTP seeks to advocate for the profession with stakeholders including the NHS, government, and international partners.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** A cohort of recognised Fellows enhances ARTP's authority and credibility when engaging in external consultations, guideline development, or collaborations with industry and academia.



- **Strategy Link:** ARTP works to foster a strong professional community for respiratory physiologists.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** Fellowship provides a clear professional progression pathway and formal recognition of members' achievements. This builds pride, loyalty, and lifelong engagement with ARTP.

## 2.3. Quality and Innovation

- **Strategy Link:** ARTP is committed to setting and maintaining high standards in respiratory physiology practice.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** Fellowship establishes a recognised benchmark of excellence, showcasing individuals who exemplify best practice, leadership, and innovation. This encourages the wider membership to aspire to those standards.
- **Strategy Link:** ARTP aims to support and develop leaders who can represent the profession nationally and internationally.
- **Fellowship Contribution:** Recognising Fellows highlights those already influencing policy, research, and service development. This aligns with ARTP's ambition to increase the visibility of respiratory and sleep physiology within healthcare systems and beyond

## 3. Types of Fellowship

### 3.1. Fellow

Awarded to members of the ARTP who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution to the profession, the ARTP, and/or the development of respiratory and/or sleep healthcare science.

### 3.2. Honorary Fellow

Awarded to individuals who may not be members of the ARTP but have made an outstanding contribution to respiratory and/or sleep physiology, education, innovation, or advocacy aligned with the ARTP's mission. Honorary fellowship status will replace the previous ARTP Special Awards (scientist and medic). Past awardees of the ARTP Special Awards will be conferred Honorary Fellow status.

## 4. Eligibility and Criteria

### 4.1. Fellow

For consideration for Fellow of the ARTP, the applicant must possess full member status for at least ten years prior to the year of nomination. In addition, the Fellowship applicant must meet three of the five prerequisites below which are aligned to the current ARTP strategy:

#### 4.1.1. Service to the Professional Body

For example - Actively engaged in the professional body and its activities (e.g. demonstrated commitment and contribution as a Council, Executive Board or Committee member or delivery on Taskforce/Membership projects).



#### **4.1.2. Education and Training**

For example - Established reputation in the training and education of Respiratory and/or Sleep Physiologists/Scientists. Significant contribution to ARTP assessment and examination processes.

#### **4.1.3. Innovation**

For example - Served as a Principal Investigator involved in original research, significantly contributing to the advancement of Respiratory and/or Sleep physiology. Recipient of major research grants. Demonstrates consistent scholarly production in the form of journal articles and/or book chapters and/or abstracts at National and International conferences with a focus on Respiratory and/or Sleep physiology.

#### **4.1.4. Workforce**

For example – Responsibility for the delivery of Respiratory and/or Sleep diagnostic services. Evidence of mentorship and support of professional development for others. A demonstrable record of leadership or influence in Respiratory and/or Sleep physiology or associated domains.

#### **4.1.5. Quality**

For example – Significant contributions to professional policy and/or standards. Demonstration of commitment to and contribution to professional quality standards through recognised national/international accreditation programmes. Evidence of commitment to quality improvement standards and processes.

### **4.2. Honorary Fellow**

Honorary Fellow membership is the highest honour that the ARTP presents to an individual. It is awarded to those individuals who are ‘persons of distinction’ in Respiratory and/or Sleep physiology/science or medicine, who have contributed to the advancement of Respiratory and/or Sleep physiology.

Nominees may:

- Be individuals external to the ARTP (may be drawn from outside of the profession, provided that their contribution aligns with ARTP’s strategy).
- Have significantly supported the profession or the ARTP’s objectives, through advocacy, collaboration, research, education, innovation, or public impact.
- Must not be current members of the ARTP Council or Executive Board.

## **5. Application and Nomination Process**

### **5.1. Fellow**

- Fellows may be nominated by peers or apply directly



- The applications window for fellowship status will be advertised annually by the nominations committee
- A supporting statement of evidence must be submitted, addressing eligibility criteria
- Applications will be reviewed by the ARTP Fellowship Panel, composed of Nominations Committee members and existing Fellows

## 5.2. Honorary Fellow

- The nominations committee considers nominations and makes recommendation for awardees to the ARTP Executive Board each year. While there is no set quota, the number of Honorary Fellow members elected in a given year is unlikely to exceed three.
- Nominations must include a statement of the nominee's contribution and impact.
- The proposing member is a current Full, Honorary or Fellow member of the society.
- In support of a fair, transparent and systematic approach, the Nominations Committee will make the appropriate assessment solely in context of information provided via the nominations form.
- All information relevant to the nomination is completed on the form and it is explicitly evidenced how the candidate meets the criteria of distinction and how their work has impacted the advancement of Respiratory and/or Sleep Physiology.
- Honorary Fellowships are conferred by the ARTP Board.
- Honorary Fellowships are not open to direct application.

## 6. Recognition and Benefits

- Fellows may use the title ARTP Fellow or ARTP Honorary Fellow.
- Fellowship will be announced via official ARTP channels and may be presented at the ARTP Annual Conference.
- Fellows may be encouraged to contribute to ARTP activities such as mentoring, reviewing, public speaking, and advisory groups.
- Honorary Fellows may be acknowledged as ambassadors or champions of the profession.
- Honorary Fellows receive lifelong honorary membership of ARTP.

## 7. Duration and Maintenance

### 7.1. Fellow

- Fellowship is considered awarded for life, subject to:
  - Continued membership of ARTP
  - Adherence to professional standards and codes of conduct
- If membership lapses or is withdrawn, the individual may no longer use the title ARTP Fellow.

### 7.2. Honorary Fellow

- Honorary Fellowships are awarded for life.
- No membership or fee obligations apply.
- The title may be revoked in exceptional circumstances (see Section 8).



## **8. Revocation of Fellowship**

Fellowship or Honorary Fellowship may be revoked if the individual:

- Is found to have breached professional standards or the ARTP Code of Conduct
- Brings the ARTP or the profession into disrepute
- Fails to meet the ethical or behavioral expectations of the organisation

Decisions regarding revocation will be made by the ARTP Board following due process. All individuals would have the right to appeal the decision to revoke fellowship status as per the current ARTP complaints procedure.

## **9. Review of Policy**

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or sooner if necessary, to ensure it remains current and fit for purpose.



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