

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet **all three** of the following requirements to be eligible for a CATSINaM Fellowship:

1. Demonstrate commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, including health outcomes or research within the nursing and midwifery profession.
2. Be a current CATSINaM Full Member with continuous membership for at least three years.
3. Have completed or are currently completing post-graduate study (Masters or PhD) in a relevant field.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Once an application or nominator has ensured the eligibility criteria can be met, an application form must be completed. Each of the following questions must be addressed:

- ① Why the applicant should be honoured with a CATSINaM Fellowship?
- ① How does the applicant demonstrate commitment to the vision, core values and principles of CATSINaM?
- ① How has the applicant contributed to:
  - nursing and midwifery as a profession - this can include examples of published work, research grants that have been accepted, project reports etc.
  - CATSINaM as an organisation - this includes details such as membership duration, engagement with and contributions to CATSINaM.
- ① How has the applicant demonstrated leadership within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and/or within the nursing or midwifery profession?
- ① How has the applicant demonstrated high standards of professional practice - this includes honorary prizes, awards, certificates or acknowledgements received?

Applicants or nominated applicants must provide two written references to support and verify the statements made in the application; at least one referee must be an Aboriginal person and/or a Torres Strait Islander person. They must also attach the following supporting documentation:

- a curriculum vitae
- proof of Nursing or Midwifery degree (i.e. copy of parchment or transcript)
- proof of certificates or awards listed in the application
- proof of publications listed in the application (i.e. copies or current website links)

- a copy of completed post-graduate degrees (i.e. copy of parchment or transcript) or proof of enrolment in current post-graduate study (i.e. acceptance letter and/or transcripts for completed subjects).

The Board will assess all applications in August and reach a final decision at the subsequent Board meeting. Applicants and nominators will receive a personal response to inform them of the outcomes. All decisions by the CATSINaM Board will be final.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A FELLOW OR CATSINaM?**

A CATSINaM Member who is awarded a fellowship:

- will be known as a 'Fellow of CATSINaM'
- can use the post nominal 'Fellow of CATSINaM' after their name
- will receive and can display a 'Certificate of CATSINaM Fellowship'
- will be provided with a badge of CATSINaM Fellowship
- will be acknowledged and recognised as a CATSINaM Fellow for achievements, accomplishments and contributions as a nurse or midwife in CATSINaM's public documents and on the website
- will be invited to all CATSINaM-led national events
- will be invited to attend Fellowship exclusive events and has the right to vote at Fellowship meetings
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All applications must be submitted to the Membership Engagement Officer. For more information about the application and decision process, please contact the Membership Engagement Officer at [membership@catsinam.org.au](mailto:membership@catsinam.org.au) or 02 6262 5761.