



Requirements for Membership by Distinction

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine (FPM) is a charity and professional membership body whose mission is to advance the science and practice of pharmaceutical medicine, the medical specialty concerned with the research, development, approval, regulation and monitoring of new medicines.

On the recommendation of the Fellowship and Awards Committee, the Board of Trustees may bestow Membership by Distinction (MFPM(Dis)) on pharmaceutical physicians who have made a **significant contribution** in the fields of research, teaching or the science and practice of pharmaceutical medicine, as defined above.

Membership by Distinction is an exceptional route to Membership for individuals who have made a significant contribution beyond the normal day-to-day practice of pharmaceutical medicine.

How to attain Membership by Distinction

As a minimum, all nominees for Membership by Distinction must hold a medical qualification and must have current professional registration, and must be in good standing, with the GMC (UK) or with the relevant professional body in the country in which they are practising or where they were awarded their primary medical qualification.

Nominations for Membership by Distinction can only be made by a current FPM Fellow (FFPM) in good standing, with subscription fees for the current year fully paid. All nominations must be supported by a seconder who is also a current FPM Fellow in good standing.

How to apply

To nominate an individual, applicants are required to submit an application form together with a statement of support which details how the nominee fulfils the criteria described above. That statement should be between 300 and 1,000 words in length.

The individual nominated must also provide a CV, which is submitted with the nomination form, together with a short letter of assent confirming a) that they are aware they are being proposed for Membership by Distinction; b) that they are happy for the nominee to do so, and c) that they are aware that, if the application is successful, they will be required to pay an annual subscription at the Member (MFPM) rate.

Members by Distinction have the same rights, privileges, and obligations as Members, including the right to apply for Fellowship of the Faculty (FFPM).

The Fellowship and Awards Committee meets every year in May and can only use the information submitted to make a decision, so applicants are urged to provide sufficient, relevant detail, supported

where possible by examples, to demonstrate how the nominee fulfils the criteria described above. Simply providing a CV and/or links to social media profiles with references will not be acceptable.

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