



THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS

College Membership Number:

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Application for Fellowship

Please read the guidance on how to apply to ensure you complete the form correctly. If it is not filled in correctly, we will return it and your application may be delayed.

We will use the information you give on this form to:

- Process your application
- Compile statistics and undertake research
- Keep you updated with information about the Fellowship

Please check that you meet the criteria for applying for Fellowship by Portfolio

- Be registered with the GOC. Overseas members should be registered with the appropriate regulatory authority.
- Be a current member of The College of Optometrists and have been a member continuously for at least five years.

Do you meet the application criteria?

YES

NO

Section 1: Personal details

Name: (Title, Forenames, Surname)	
Full Address:	
Telephone number	
Email address	

Section 2: Update on complaints

Do you have any pending or upheld formal complaints, breach of terms of service, litigation or referral to the General Optical Council. These will not necessarily prevent you applying for Fellowship and you can discuss them in confidence before submitting an application.

Do you have any outstanding complaints to declare?

YES

NO

If you have answered yes, please complete the Declaration of Complaints form and send to

Email: fellowship.help@college-optometrists.org

The complaint will be kept confidential but the Director may discuss with the Chairman of the Fellowship Group whether your case has to be referred to the Fellowship Group for consideration.

Section 3: Summary of application

Please indicate the categories under which you are applying by giving the name and job title of the referee for each category. You may use the same referee more than once.

Category for application	Name and job Title of Referee
Clinical Practice	
The provision of visual or wider healthcare	
Optometric Research	
Optometric Education	
The management of visual healthcare	
Higher qualifications in vision science	

Section 4: Professional history

Please set out a brief summary of your professional history highlighting elements that you feel are evidence for the award of fellowship:

Section 5: Personal statement

Please refer to the section of the Fellowship guidance 'Setting out your evidence' before completing this section. A table of examples of evidence can be found at the end of the form for reference.

Make it clear to which achievement category your evidence relates. Do not exceed 3,000 words.

I am applying under the following categories:

Clinical Practice

The provision of visual or wider healthcare

Optometric Research

Optometric Education

The management of visual healthcare

Higher qualifications in vision science

Section 5: Personal statement continued

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Section 6: Supporting documents

Please list your supporting documents:

Section 7: Assessors

I know the following assessors personally:

David Cartwright

Scott Mackie

Malcolm McPherson

Vinesh Patel

Mary Ware

By signing this form you confirm that all details given on this form are correct.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Please return completed form by using the "submit form" button at the top of the page.

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Date Received:

Category	Potential impact	
	Major	Minor
Clinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Significant event auditing, resulting in a change in clinical practice or procedures across a department, or group of practices b. Examples of innovative practice that has been evaluated and adopted by others. c. Evidence of accreditation for enhanced services in local co-management arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Verifiable statements from clinical colleagues who have standing in their own profession, explaining how you are providing an advanced standard of care. b. Patient satisfaction surveys or thank you letters from patients. c. Examples of clear communication with patients resulting in good attendance and compliance. d. Documentary evidence of multiple recent satisfactory appraisals. e. Evidence of demonstrable change made as a result of patient involvement. f. Examples of using specialist skills in your practice.
The provision of visual or wider healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing and evaluating a project, which has had a significant impact in improving eye care internationally. b. Developing and evaluating a project working with other healthcare professionals, which has resulted in improved eye care services or nationally. c. Developing and evaluating a project that has had an impact on the social and public health agenda locally or nationally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Charitable work in optometry that has made a difference to those who would not otherwise benefit from eye care. b. Developing and evaluating a project which has made a difference to community or acute eye care locally or nationally.
Optometric research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A significant contribution to practice-based research which has had a significant impact locally, nationally or internationally. b. A significant contribution to technical innovation which has reached the wider market. c. Editorship or membership of the editorial board of an eye care journal which includes peer-reviewed research papers. d. A significant contribution to research capacity building. e. A professorial appointment in a university department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Publications in peer-reviewed journals. b. Contribution to the literature by acting as a funding panel reviewer or publication referee c. A contribution to optometric research through a research post in a university department or a significant role in a research network. d. Invitations to present research work at national and international conferences. e. Supervising a PhD student in visual science.
Optometric education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A significant contribution to improving optometric education nationally. b. Invitations to present optometric education work at national and international conferences. c. Publications in peer-reviewed education journals. d. Authorship of or contribution to significant textbooks used in optometric education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A significant contribution to designing an innovative training programme. b. A significant contribution to the Scheme for Registration, or other College qualifications, as a supervisor, assessor or examiner.
The management of visual healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Impact on Government policy b. Chair of, or other major role on, an optometric committee, or a Local Optical Society or similar body, which has a significant impact on optometric practice nationally. c. Chair of, or other major role on, a committee which decides optometric policy. d. President of a national optometric body. e. Significant contribution to a committee which has an important contribution to national optometric practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promoting the understanding of and higher standards for eye care through contributions in newspapers, magazines, radio and television, b. An MBA or other Masters Degree in business or administration, which you have used to influence your management of optometric practice. c. Specialist advisor to other optometrists locally. d. A contribution to organisational work within the NHS which has had an important impact on eye care locally.
Higher qualifications in vision science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PhD in Optometry b. MSc in Advanced Practice c. Multiple higher level College Higher qualifications (Higher Cert, Dip) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Other study for higher qualifications in vision science. b. A specialist qualification such as Independent Prescribing. c. A College Higher qualification.