

*American College of Cardiology*

# FELLOW, ASSOCIATE FELLOW AND AFFILIATE

*Membership Application*

*U.S., U.S. Territories and Canada Residents*

*Helping Cardiovascular Professionals  
Learn. Advance. Heal.*

# RECEIVE RECOGNITION. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONALISM.

## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

For those who qualify, becoming a **Fellow** of the American College of Cardiology signals a commitment to the highest standards of cardiovascular care. By earning the right to include the initials FACC among your credentials, you let your patients and colleagues know that you have been welcomed into one of the world's most distinguished organizations of cardiovascular professionals. The College welcomes membership from cardiovascular clinicians, scientists, and individuals in other Cardiovascular-related subspecialties.

**Clinicians:** The first steps toward Fellowship are completing all of your required cardiovascular training.

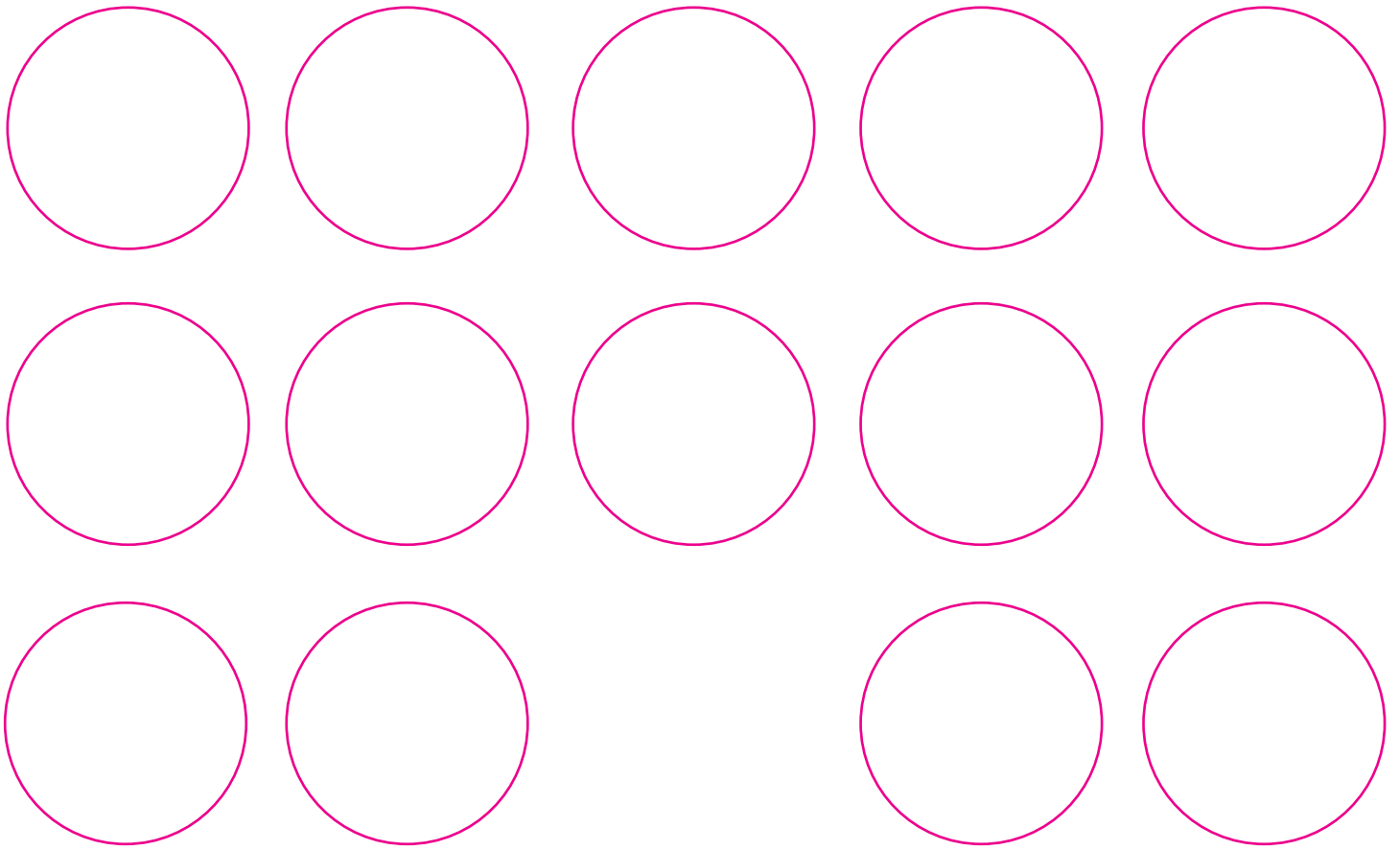
**Academic/Science Track:** The candidate shall have made significant contributions to research in the cardiovascular specialty and made substantial contributions to the scientific literature.

**Cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, cardiovascular pathology, cardiovascular radiology, cardiovascular anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine and nuclear cardiology:** The candidate shall have passed their primary board exam and made significant contributions to the scientific literature.

**Associate Fellow and Affiliate** of the ACC are other categories of membership for those trained in cardiovascular medicine who choose to associate themselves with the College's objectives to provide the highest levels of patient care.







## CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Election to membership in the ACC is based on training, specialty board certification, scientific and professional accomplishments and duration of active participation in a cardiovascular-related field. Members are expected to conform to high moral standards.

- Candidates must have completed training
- Fellows in Training may apply for F.A.C.C. six months before CV training is completed. The application will be processed as pending, until training completion, post training academic and/or hospital appointment begins, and attainment of the cardiovascular specialist board certification
- Candidates must have an academic and/or a full-time cardiovascular position
- At least 75% of a candidate's professional activities must be devoted to cardiology
- Two letters of sponsorship from Fellows of the College must be included with the application

## FELLOW (FACC) REQUIREMENTS FOR:

### CLINICIAN

Candidate shall have certification by both a primary specialty board and an applicable subspecialty board which holds membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. The candidate who began subspecialty training in 1990 and beyond shall show evidence of having successfully completed an accredited program and shall have a minimum number of in-training years as follows:

- Adult cardiology - three years
- Pediatric cardiology - three years
- Cardiovascular surgery - two years

### ACADEMIC/SCIENTIST

The candidate who is not board certified applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of their professional activities to CV research and have made significant contributions to the \*scientific literature published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals.

\* Candidates **with** a PhD will need 20 articles in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals with 10 first or senior authorship.

Candidates **without** a PhD will need 50 articles in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals with 20 first or senior authorship.

## OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR-RELATED SUBSPECIALTIES

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine and nuclear cardiology shall have passed the primary board exam, have 10 articles in major peer-reviewed journals with 5 as first authorship, or has a leadership role as chief of cardiology or associate professor or professor, or Chief of Cardiology or Director of a major laboratory at an academic or academic-affiliated institution.

Candidate shall provide evidence from the community of recognition as a specialist or as a scientist.

## ASSOCIATE FELLOW REQUIREMENTS FOR:

### CLINICIAN

Candidate shall be certified by one of the primary specialty boards which holds membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. The candidate who began subspecialty training in 1990 or beyond, see requirements under "Fellow". Candidate shall be established in the community and devote the majority of professional time as a recognized specialist in a cardiovascular-related discipline.

## ACADEMIC/SCIENTIST

The candidate lacking primary specialty board certification and applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of professional activities to CV research and have made contributions to the \*scientific literature, published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals.

\* Candidate **with** a PhD will need 10 articles with 5 first or senior authorship in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.

Candidate **without** a PhD will need 20 articles with 10 first or senior authorship in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.

## OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR-RELATED SUBSPECIALTIES

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine, nuclear cardiology or primary care, shall have passed the appropriate primary board exam, have 3 articles in major peer-reviewed journals or a leadership role as assistant professor. At least 75% of the candidate's professional activities must be devoted to the field of cardiovascular disease.

## AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

### CLINICIAN

The candidate shall have completed the training required by both primary and cardiovascular-related subspecialty boards, which hold membership in either the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association. The candidate who began subspecialty training in 1990 or beyond, see requirements under "Fellow".

### ACADEMIC/SCIENTIST

The candidate applying through the academic/science track shall devote at least 75% of professional activities to CV research and have made contributions to the \*scientific literature, published in cardiovascular-related peer-reviewed journals..

\* Candidate **without** a PhD will need 10 articles with 5 first or senior authorship published in cardiovascular peer-reviewed journals.

## OTHER CARDIOVASCULAR-RELATED SUBSPECIALTIES

The candidate in other cardiovascular-related subspecialties such as hypertension, CV pathology, CV radiology, CV anesthesiology, vascular surgery, vascular medicine, nuclear cardiology or primary care without primary board certification, will need equivalent training. At least 75% of the candidate's professional activities must be devoted to the field of cardiovascular disease.



## ACC'S BENEFITS SAVE MEMBERS

### Almost \$2,000 Each Year with Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Networking Opportunities

The College provides the collective voice for your profession – advocating on your behalf on the local, regional and national levels, and indeed on the international level as well, as it relates to advancing cardiovascular medicine and improving patient care.

**The College also offers direct value for the individual member.** Taking advantage of ACC's renowned publications, products, programs, and services provides members with high quality and cutting-edge science, education, and clinical knowledge – at member discount prices that save nearly \$2,000 in costs every year.

**Free subscriptions to the *Journals of the American College of Cardiology*** Members receive as benefits of dues payment the *JACC* journals, including *JACC*, *JACC Cardiovascular Interventions* and *JACC Cardiovascular Imaging*.

**Free subscription to *Cardiology*** *Cardiology* is free to members and covers professional news, trends and science and provides members with insight to what is happening in cardiac care.

**Free access to *CardioSource.org*** Members receive access to *CardioSource*, the premier online resource for cardiovascular information and news. *CardioSource* offers access to clinical guidelines, *JACC* journals online content, continuing education products and programs and interactive online networking communities.

**Discounted registration to the ACC Annual Scientific Session and ACC-i2 with TCT** Members receive discounted registration for the ACC Annual Scientific Session.

#### **Discounts on educational programs and products**

Members qualify for discounted registration to ACCF's education programs and discounted prices on all of the College's educational products – premier resources for board certification, self assessment, maintenance of certification and performance improvement.

**Chapter involvement** Local chapters offer members networking, education and the opportunity to make a difference in their communities. U.S. state and selected country chapters provide leadership in cardiovascular medicine.

**Member section and council participation** The ACC has communities within the College dedicated to advancing the priorities of members with a specific specialty or interest. Interest areas include Interventional Scientific Cardiology, Adult Congenital & Pediatric Cardiology, Women in Cardiology, Thoracic Surgery, Imaging, CV Care for Older Adults, Academic Cardiology and more.

**Access to ACCF Standards and Guidelines** Easy-to-use pocket forms and instant web updates. Critical information is always within your reach and includes the ACC/AHA Guidelines and ACP/ACC/AHA Clinical Competence Statements.

**Access to the ACC CardioAdvocacy Network (ACC/CAN)** Access a grassroots network designed to keep you up-to-date on key healthcare issues before Congress and ways to get involved.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Use the enclosed form or complete an online application at [www.CardioSource.org/Join](http://www.CardioSource.org/Join). All sections must be complete.
2. Obtain and attach two letters of sponsorship. Letters must be included with the application for it to be processed. Request letters from current FACCs who have reviewed your application and who are well acquainted with your current professional activities. Letters must be original in content; form letters are not acceptable. At least one of the sponsors must be from your geographic area of professional activity; however, only one of the sponsors can be from a partner or colleague who works in your office. You are also limited to one sponsor from your training program. Relatives may not sponsor.
3. Submit the application packet consisting of:
  - Application form and attachments
  - Letters of sponsorship
  - Bibliography, if applying through the academic/science track or lacking board certification
  - Copy of medical or doctoral degree certificate, translated to English if it was obtained from an institution outside the U.S.
  - Payment of dues and nonrefundable application fee

## Mail application packet to:

American College of Cardiology  
Membership Services  
2400 N St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
(202) 375-6000, ext. 5603



## ANNUAL DUES AND FEES

	U.S.	Canada
Fellowship:	\$720	\$425
Associate Fellowship:	\$720	\$425
Affiliate:	\$720	\$425
Application Fee:	\$150	\$150
<b>Total Payment to Accompany Application:</b>	<b>\$870</b>	<b>\$575</b>

New applicants must include payment for annual dues plus a nonrefundable application fee of \$150. If advancing members have already paid dues, they need only include the application fee. All dues payments include a print and online subscription to the College journals: the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC)*, *JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging* and *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*.



PLEASE BE SURE TO ENCLOSE:

- 1. APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS
2. LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP
3. PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES AND NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE

MAIL TO:

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY Membership Services 2400 N Street, NW Washington, DC 20037 Phone: (202) 375-6000, ext. 5439 (800) 253-4636, ext. 5439 membership@acc.org

Additional application forms can be found on www.CardioSource.org/Join

Applications must be completed in its entirety. Please print or type ("See CV" is not acceptable)

PERSONAL DATA

Fellowship Associate Fellowship Affiliate

Birth Date (Month/Day/Year) Gender M F

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Name of Practice/Institution Position/Title

Check Preferred Mailing Address

Business Address (Required) City/State Zip

Home Address City/State Zip

Business Phone Fax Home Phone Cell Phone

E-mail Address

SPONSORS

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF YOUR SPONSORS. LETTERS OF SPONSORSHIP MUST BE ON SPONSOR'S BUSINESS LETTERHEAD, SIGNED AND INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION; OTHERWISE, APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

NOTE: At least one sponsor must be from applicant's geographic area of professional activity. Only one sponsor may be a professional associate (partner) from the applicant's practice, and only one sponsor may be from the applicant's training program.

1. NAME ADDRESS, FACC

2. NAME ADDRESS, FACC



**POSTGRADUATE TRAINING - APPOINTMENTS (E.G., INTERN, RESIDENT, FELLOW)\***

Name, City and State of Institution	Area of Specialization	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

**EDUCATION**

Please be as accurate and complete as possible. (Include any military service, sabbaticals, etc.) **NOTE: If there is a break in the chronology, please use a separate sheet to indicate activity/location/dates.** If your medical degree was received from an institution outside the U.S., send a copy of the diploma with English translation. If Ph.D., please provide copy of certificate.

	Name of Institution	City/State	Date Graduated	Degree
College or University				
Medical Undergraduate				

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Branch and Assignment	From	To

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Both past and present. Fill in all sections, or write "none" if that is the case.\*

Name, City and State of Institution	Position or Title	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

\* "See CV" is not acceptable.

## HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Both past and present, including staff appointments and admitting privileges. Fill in all sections, or write "none" if that is the case.\*

Name, City and State of Institution	Position or Title	Inclusive Dates	Duration (in years)

## PUBLICATIONS

If applying through the academic/science track, a bibliography must be included. In order for your application to be evaluated fairly, please organize your bibliography using the format below; otherwise, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed. List precisely as published with the authors, title of article, name (volume, page and date) of journal. **Do not send reprints of articles, abstracts, etc.**

(Write "NONE" if applicable.)

List and number in separate categories as follows:

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|---|-------------------------|
| (1) Published papers in peer reviewed journals      | (3) Published abstracts |
| (2) Textbook chapters, invited articles and reviews | (4) Miscellaneous       |

## DISCLOSURE

- Has your medical license ever been suspended, terminated, or reduced in scope?  
 Yes    No   If yes, explain fully on separate page.
- Have you ever had hospital staff privileges denied, reduced in scope, or rescinded for cause?  
 Yes    No   If yes, explain fully on separate page.
- Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against you at any time by a medical society, academic institution, or government agency?  
 Yes    No   If yes, explain fully on separate page.
- Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony or other serious crime?  
 Yes    No   If yes, explain fully on separate page.

## APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby consent to the release by any hospital, educational institution, governmental agency, physician, professional society, or other person possessing or requiring the same, whether or not listed above, of any and all information in any way pertaining to my personal character, training, experience, or professional competence.

I agree that communications of any nature made to the College regarding my fitness for membership may be made in confidence and shall not be made available to me under any circumstances. I hereby release from any liability any and all individuals and organizations or their authorized representatives who provide this information in good faith and without malice subject to this consent. I hereby release from all liability the American College of Cardiology and any and all individuals for their acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluating my application and my credentials and qualifications.

I hereby certify that all information recorded on this application and any attached documents is accurate and supports my qualifications for membership in the American College of Cardiology for which I now apply. I hereby agree that the American College of Cardiology may verify any of the above data.

If elected, I agree to conform to the Bylaws of the College and its Code of Ethics. Information available to me can be found at

[www.CardioSource.org/ACC/~media/Files/ACC/Leadership/ACC Bylaws.ashx](http://www.CardioSource.org/ACC/~media/Files/ACC/Leadership/ACC%20Bylaws.ashx)

[www.CardioSource.org/ethics](http://www.CardioSource.org/ethics)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE



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