

The Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine (UK)

Fellowship Scheme

(This motion was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the ATCM on 27th November 2005)

To further the professional development of ATCM members and promote their academic standards, the ATCM Council has decided to establish a Fellowship Scheme.

A. Qualifications for Fellowship

An ATCM member who

1. Has been a full member of ATCM continuously for at least 5 years, and has practised Chinese Medicine in the UK for at least 5 years;
2. Has a Bachelor degree or above in Chinese Medicine or its sub-subjects, or other recognised qualifications on Chinese medicine equivalent to a bachelor degree; and
3. Have achieved one of the following:
 - Outstanding contributions in the practice of Chinese medicine in the UK or other countries with significant impacts on the development of Chinese medicine;
 - Outstanding contributions in edition and publications of works on Chinese medicine with significant impacts in and outside Chinese medicine communities;
 - Outstanding contributions in the education of Chinese medicine in the UK or other countries;
 - Outstanding contributions in scientific research in Chinese medicine;
 - Official recognition of achievements in Chinese medicine by institutes of higher education, research and healthcare organisations in the UK or other countries;
 - Outstanding contributions to the ATCM's organisation, development and promotion with significant impacts in and outside the Chinese medicine community.

B. Disqualification of Fellowship:

An ATCM fellow will be disqualified if he or she

1. Leaves or is removed from the ATCM for any reasons;
2. Has significantly damaged the reputation and the interest of ATCM;
3. Has been disciplined by the ATCM for breach of the ATCM's Constitution, its Code of Professional Conduct and Code of Practice; or
4. Has conviction of criminal offence.

C. Procedures for Appointment of Fellowship

1. ATCM members should apply for fellowship to the ATCM Council.
2. An applicant must submit his or her application for the fellowship to the Council with recommendations two ATCM fellows or from the Council;
3. The applicant must submit evidence of his or her qualifications, professional achievements and experiences;

4. The Council meets periodically appoint ATCM fellows following its inspection, scrutiny and assessment of the applicant;
5. the Council makes the final decision on fellowship matters;
6. A list of newly appointed fellows is to be published in the ATCM newsletter;
7. Fellows will be issued a Fellowship Certificate by the Council.

D. Review and Removal of Fellowship

If more than 15 members of ATCM raise questions on the qualifications of a fellow, the ATCM Council is obliged to review this fellowship by inspection, scrutiny and assessment of the fellow.

Following this, the ATCM Council must make its decision.

The decision should be one of the following:

1. Disqualification of fellowship of the fellow in question;
2. Maintenance of the fellowship.

E. Rights and Obligations of ATCM Fellows

1. Fellows are entitled to use the designated letters FATCM;
2. Fellows have the obligation to be a mentor to newly qualified ATCM members under the ATCM's Mentoring System;
3. Fellows have the obligation to contribute to the organisation, development and promotion of the ATCM under the ATCM Council.

F. Limited Number of Fellows

In order to uphold high academic standards, the number of ATCM fellows will be limited within 30 percent of total number of ATCM members.