

# WHAT IS TRAVEL MEDICINE?

**Travel Medicine seeks to prevent illnesses and injuries occurring to people going abroad and manages problems arising in people coming back or coming from abroad. It is also concerned about the impact of tourism on health and also advocates for improved health and safety services for tourists.**

(adapted from the *Primer of Travel Medicine*. 3rd Edition, Brisbane: ACTM Publications, 2002).

## AIMS OF THE FACULTY

The aims of the Faculty of Travel Medicine are to:

- Act as a professional faculty in travel medicine, providing accreditation and reaccreditation in travel medicine;
- Assist in the production of policy documents on travel medicine;
- Act as a reference body on travel medicine for the College;
- Formulate a travel medicine section within Annual Scientific Meetings;
- Develop curriculum guidelines for and assist in delivering training courses in travel medicine;
- Network with other appropriate organisations in travel medicine;
- Apply for grants and seek sponsorship for College programs relating to travel medicine;
- Develop and referee publications in travel medicine on behalf of the College;
- Maintain an internet site for the College on travel medicine;
- Seek accreditation for travel medicine programs organised by the College with other professional accreditation agencies; and
- Recognise members who have made a significant contribution to travel medicine through the College Awards and Honours Program.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY OF TRAVEL MEDICINE

General membership of the Faculty of Travel Medicine is open to all members of The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine<sup>1</sup>, who meet the criteria for one of the following grades of membership of the Faculty. Applicants for membership of the Faculty may apply for one of the following membership levels using the prescribed form. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Censors of the College. The requirements for membership and maintenance of membership may be subject to change.

### FELLOWSHIP (FFTM)

- Medical, nursing or equivalent degree qualification from a recognised university or college<sup>2</sup>; AND
- Seven (7) years of postgraduate clinical experience, including at least five (5) years of full-time experience in the practice of travel medicine<sup>3</sup>; AND
- Evidence of commitment to continuing education in travel medicine<sup>4</sup>; AND
- Postgraduate award in travel medicine from a recognised university or college<sup>5</sup>; OR
- Pass in a written examination in travel medicine set by the Faculty +/- viva examination (option active when examination available); OR
- Pass in an examination of a thesis by three referees, comprising evidence of published and unpublished work relating to travel medicine, with a 1,000 word summary indicating how this work contributes to the discipline of travel medicine, +/- viva examination<sup>6</sup>.

### ASSOCIATE FELLOW (AFFTM)

- Medical, nursing or equivalent degree qualification from a recognised university or college; AND
- Seven (7) years of postgraduate clinical experience, including at least five (5) years of full-time experience in the practice of travel medicine; AND
- Evidence of commitment in continuing education in travel medicine.

### MEMBER (MFTM)

- Medical, nursing or equivalent degree qualification from a recognised university or college; AND
- Five (5) years of postgraduate clinical experience, including at least two (2) years of full-time experience in the practice of travel medicine; AND
- Evidence of commitment to continuing education in travel medicine.

### ASSOCIATE

- Medical, nursing or equivalent degree qualification from a recognised university or college; AND
- Professional interest or practice in travel medicine.

### NOTES / FURTHER INFORMATION

1. Applicants must also satisfy the requirements for membership of the College.
2. Medical, nursing or equivalent degree qualification must be registerable in the country in which travel medicine practice is currently undertaken. Equivalent qualifications will include those which qualify candidates to undertake some aspect of clinical work in travel medicine.
3. Experience should be supported by two references or by nomination by two members of the Faculty of which one should be a Fellow.
4. Evidence of commitment to continuing education in travel medicine will be by participation in the Faculty's continuing education program or in a related CME and MOPS program offered by other approved professional colleges or organisations.
5. A list of acceptable postgraduate qualifications in travel medicine will be maintained by the College. In general, only named award courses in travel, geographical and migrant medicine from approved universities and other institutions will be acceptable.

The details for the format of the thesis submission may be obtained from the College Secretariat.

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY OF TRAVEL MEDICINE OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

## DETAILS

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Given Names \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- I am a member of The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine
- I wish to apply for membership of the College (you should complete a College membership application form). Applicants must be current members of the College or apply for membership (at least at Affiliate level) of the College.

## FACULTY OF TRAVEL MEDICINE MEMBERSHIP

I wish to apply for membership of the Faculty of Travel Medicine at the level of:

- Fellow of the Faculty
- Associate Fellow of the Faculty and to be considered for Fellowship by:
- A) Pass in an examination of a thesis by three referees, comprising evidence of published and unpublished work relating to travel medicine, with a 1,000 word summary indicating how this work contributes to the discipline of travel medicine, +/- viva examination.
- B) Pass in a written and / or oral examination in travel medicine set by the Faculty.
- Associate Fellow of the Faculty
- Member of the Faculty
- Associate of the Faculty

## NOMINATOR / REFEREE

Full Name of Nominator / Referee \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Seconder / Referee \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose the required supporting documentation, including a full curriculum vitae.

Enclose references from referees unless appropriately nominated and seconded.

Enclose the required application fee.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBSCRIPTION FEES (current from November 2000)

Subscription fees for the Faculty are set by the College Executive Council:

Application / upgrading fee	\$30 + \$3 GST
Fellow / Associate Fellow / Member	\$50 + \$5 GST
Associate	\$30 + \$3 GST
Life Membership	\$600 + \$60 GST
(all Australian applicants to pay GST)	

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Enclosed cheque or money order in Australian dollars.

Credit card

Mastercard  Visa  Bankcard

Card #:

Expiry date:   /

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward completed application form, accompanying documentation and payment to:**

**The ACTM Secretariat, PO Box 123, Red Hill Qld 4059**  
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