# **Expression of Interest**



# New Fellow for membership of the Australian Medical Council's Specialist Education Accreditation Committee

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is an independent national standards body for medical education and training. Its purpose is to ensure that standards of education, training and assessment of the medical profession promote and protect the health of the Australian community. It is Australia's designated accreditation authority for the medical profession and works with the Medical Council of New Zealand on the accreditation of medical programs in New Zealand.

#### The Role

The AMC recognises the value of working with stakeholders to ensure that Australia is serviced by a safe and competent medical workforce. The AMC is seeking expressions of interest in membership of the Specialist Education Accreditation Committee from a Fellow of a Specialist Medical College, who has completed specialist medical training within 12 months of appointment. There is one position available.

The AMC is committed to diversity in committee memberships, reflecting diverse skills and experiences, geographical locations and academic, clinical, professional and community expertise.

The AMC is committed to enhancing outcomes for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and Māori peoples through its accreditation process, creating workplace an inclusive and culturally safe environment. This commitment supports the AMC's strategic goal of promoting culturally safe practices to improve health outcomes. The AMC encourages Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and Māori People to apply for advertised roles.

## **Background**

The AMC is the accreditation authority for the medical profession in Australia under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, and accredits programs and providers in all stages of medical education. The AMC develops accreditation standards, assesses medical programs against the standards and monitors programs to ensure they continue to meet standards through regular monitoring submissions.

The AMC's Specialist Education Accreditation Committee manages the assessment and accreditation of specialist medical programs. 16 specialist medical colleges offer specialist medical training and education in 23 separate medical specialities and 54 fields of specialty practice. The AMC assess specialist international medical graduates seeking recognition as specialist practitioners and set standards for continuing professional development of medical specialists. The approved accreditation standards applied by the AMC cover these training, education and assessment functions.

The AMC monitors accredited programs and their education providers to ensure the AMC continues to be satisfied that the accreditation standards continue to be met. To meet this requirement, accredited providers submit regular progress reports addressing the accreditation standards, covering significant developments in their specialist medical programs, annual standard data and their response to any accreditation conditions.

#### **Specialist Education Accreditation Committee**

The Specialist Education Accreditation Committee is a standing committee of the AMC responsible for overseeing standards in medical education and training, specifically in specialist medical education training for registration endorsement.

The Committee includes members appointed after consultation with the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council; the Australian Medical Association; the Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges; the Medical Council of New Zealand; and Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand. The Committee also includes members from other related AMC committees; members who hold senior positions at a health service in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand; a doctor in training and a specialist doctor who has recently completed training; members with a background in, and knowledge of, health consumer issues; and, two positions to enhance the contribution of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and Māori people to the AMC's accreditation processes.

#### The Role of SEAC Includes:

- Advising the AMC on guidelines, policies, and procedures relating to the accreditation of specialist medical training programs, CPD homes, and programs for endorsement of registration
- Overseeing the AMC's program of accreditation of specialist medical training, and program for endorsement of registration.
- Promoting advancements in postgraduate medical education in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand to meet evolving health needs, practices, and educational and scientific developments.

### Committee members are expected to:

- Support professional accreditation as a tool for quality improvement and assurance and contribute to AMC process reviews and development.
- Be familiar with the <u>Standards for Assessment and Accreditation of Specialist Medical Programs by the Australian Medical Council 2023</u> (Please note: New standards are currently being developed with implementation due in 2026)
- Stay informed about current issues in medical education and healthcare delivery.
- Foster innovation and progress in medical education and practice.
- Ensure fair and impartial assessment of medical programs by applying accreditation standards consistently.
- Uphold AMC values: Openness and Accountability, Collaboration, Innovation, Striving for Excellence, Integrity, and Cultural Safety.
- Participate as a member of at least one AMC accreditation team to assess specialist medical program providers.

The Terms of Reference for the Specialist Education Accreditation Committee can be found here.

#### Time commitment

Members of AMC committees are appointed for four-year terms.

The Committee meets four to five times per year, in a combination of full day face to face meetings (usually in Melbourne or Canberra), and videoconferences.

Committee members have considerable reading material. They may contribute to the Committee by leading discussion on an item, by contributing to the development of policy or procedures, and in the Committee's own regular review of its work.

All committee members contribute to the review of monitoring submissions by accredited providers, and may also contribute to AMC working parties and review groups.

#### Remuneration

The AMC pays fees to Specialist Education Accreditation Committee members for participation in meetings.

Superannuation is also paid for individual members as required under Superannuation Guarantee legislation.

The AMC does not pay for pre-reading or time spent responding to correspondence (e.g. emails) from AMC staff.

# **AMC support to the Specialist Education Accreditation Committee**

## The AMC:

- Provides support, induction and training for committee members;
- Arranges and meets the cost of necessary accommodation and travel;
- Meets the cost of meals and incidental expenditure, such as taxi fares

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Expressions of interest should be provided with current curriculum vitae by **Friday 30 January 2026**. Please address expressions of interest to Ms Juliana Simon, Head of Accreditation Assessments to <a href="mailto:specaccred@amc.org.au">specaccred@amc.org.au</a>

The AMC will treat the information provided confidentially and use it only to assist in its short listing and appointment process.

For more information, please contact Simon Roche, Policy and Programs Officer, Specialist Education Accreditation, at the above email address.

Diversity and inclusion are considered essential to the AMC's continued success. The AMC values the diversity of thought and experience and believes that an inclusive and collaborative culture underpins the accreditation and assessment of medical education. We celebrate and promote diversity as a significant strength in our organisation.