



2026 Round

CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF OPEN DISCLOSURE

for Ordinary Election, Special Election, and Corresponding Membership

The Council of the Australian Academy of Science has an overarching duty-of-care to uphold the good standing and reputation of the Academy in all matters. The purpose of this Declaration of Open Disclosure is to ensure that you are a fit and proper person to be elected to the Fellowship of the Academy.

If you answer yes to **any** of the questions 1-5 below, please provide details (up to 200 words) in the space provided after each question. If you require additional space for any declaration, please include a summary below and the full explanation at the end of your full list of publications (with a note below to refer to your list of publications).

Type 'YES' or 'NO' into the box for each question and provide additional details accordingly.

Please note that declarations **will not** automatically exclude you from consideration for election to the Fellowship.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence

Yes No

If yes, please provide details (up to 200 words)

2. Are you currently under investigation for any matter?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details. (up to 200 words)

3. Do you have any retracted papers?

Yes

No

If yes, list the reason for the retraction/s and any additional comments. The Academy recognises that some retractions are to be commended, and where there are multiple authors, they might not necessarily all bear equal responsibility. (up to 200 words)

4. Do you have any papers that had to be corrected after publication?

Yes No

If yes, provide details of all corrections made and in the process of being made and ensure that these publications are also included in your full list of publications and clearly marked 'corrected papers'. The Academy recognises that some corrections are to be commended. (up to 200 words)

5. Are you aware of any concerns raised about any of your publications, including in the literature of post-publication peer review websites such as [Retraction Watch](#) or [PubPeer](#)?

Yes No

If yes, have responses been made in accordance with the [NHMRC Authorship Guide](#) that supports the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2018\)](#), particularly Section 4 which clearly states the responsibilities of all co-authors pre and post-publication?

Yes No

If yes, how have you addressed concerns raised by peers? (up to 200 words)

(Please note that the NHMRC Authorship Guide is also referenced by the ARC <https://www.arc.gov.au/policies-strategies/policy/codes-and-guidelines>)

6. I have disclosed to the best of my knowledge to my proposer and the Academy each fact, matter or thing known to me in relation to this nomination.

Yes

No

7. I affirm that I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the integrity standards of the Academy in the paragraph below.

Candidates for Fellowship election must have carried out their scientific research with integrity and to the highest standards. Specifically, through the nomination material submitted to the Council of the Australian Academy of Science, the candidate must have declared: i) all breaches of professional conduct such as any pending or open investigation into their research work; ii) all instances of fabrication, falsification, plagiarism of scientific results or improper use of funds; iii) the truthfulness of each fact, matter or thing known to them after reasonable inquiry that might have a bearing on the Council of the Australian Academy of Science's determination of election to the Fellowship. Failure to declare such breaches or falsification of declared facts may void a nomination for Fellowship.

If you answered 'YES' to any of questions 1 to 5 or you answered 'NO' to question 6 or 7, please write to the Head of Governance, Fellowship and Compliance at fellowship@science.org.au who will facilitate a confidential discussion with the appropriate Secretary.

If you have any questions at all, please write to fellowship@science.org.au

Candidate to fill in and sign:

Name:

Name of Proposer:

Date:

Signature: