

# NON STANDARD ROUTE TO THE GRADE OF MEMBER

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## of the Australian Psychological Society

## Academics

### Introduction

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This document is a guide to completing an application for the grade of Member of the Australian Psychological Society via the Non-standard route. You will need to generate a separate comprehensive submission based on the headings of this guide, and also complete a Member application form – see [www.psychology.org.au/membership/applying/grades/#member](http://www.psychology.org.au/membership/applying/grades/#member).

Applications usually will be considered no sooner than five (5) years following commencement of employment in an academic position. The applicant must provide an integrated summary demonstrating how they have made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of psychology over a sustained period of time. In order to assess whether you have made a substantial contribution to the discipline of psychology over a sustained period of time, we need you to reflect on the work you have performed in the role of an academic, and inform us how that work has made a demonstrably substantial contribution to the discipline of psychology.

We need to see more than just a description of the role(s) you have undertaken.

We need to see evidence of the way in which your work has made a substantial contribution to the discipline of psychology.

### Academic position(s)

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- University
- Department
- Position/s held
- Commencement and end dates of Position/s held
- APAC accredited psychology courses lectured in

### Contribution made to the discipline of psychology

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What have you done that has substantially contributed to the discipline of psychology?

Provide supportive evidence such as:

- Published work, e.g. journal articles, books, book chapters.
  - Describe how your published work has contributed to the discipline of psychology.
- Innovations in the discipline
  - Provide detail regarding new treatment approaches, new research findings.
- Evidence of being awarded research grants and the funding levels.
- Examples of education initiatives undertaken in the academic role.

### Holding senior positions of responsibility

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- What were the roles?
- Which levels of staff were you responsible for?
- On which committees did you represent the psychology department in a university setting.



## **Substantial teaching, training or supervision of psychology students or trainees associated with a university**

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- Proven successful teaching of students of psychology.
  - How many students?
  - At what level of study?
- Supervisor of postgraduate students.
  - How many students?
  - At what level of study?
- Co-ordinator role.
  - At what level of study?

## **Significant recognition within the discipline from other psychologists**

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Provide written evidence (at least 2 x A4 pages) from at least two people who hold the grade of Member of the APS, which indicates how you have made a substantial contribution to the discipline of psychology over a sustained period of time.

## **Additional material**

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In addition, you should provide:

- evidence of participation in continuing professional development activities over several years.
- a comprehensive curriculum vitae which details your employment history in the field of psychology.
- any other documentation which you consider is relevant and will strengthen your application, such as evidence of commitment to the profession of psychology through involvement at the local APS Branch level as an Associate Member of the Society, or involvement in other psychological societies and/or other relevant professional bodies.