RCN Awards – Fellowships, Honorary Fellowships and Awards of Merit

How to write a successful supporting statement
Fellowships

◆ recognise RCN members who have made exceptional contributions to nursing and health care; and
◆ who are registered nurses in the UK.
Honorary Fellowships

- recognise individuals who are not nurses but have made a significant impact on nursing and/or health care; or
- nurses registered outside the UK who have made exceptional contributions in their country or internationally.
Awards of Merit

recognises individuals who have given exceptional service to the RCN, making an impact on their branch, workplace, forum, or the RCN as a whole.
Who should prepare the supporting statements?

Supporting statements should be prepared by someone who knows the candidate very well.
What makes a good supporting statement?

- tell the individual’s story
- describe vividly and persuasively how and where they have made a difference
- explain what is special about their achievements, what the effect has been and why it has been important
- talk about how the candidate earned the respect of their peers and colleagues
- show how they have become a role model.
How should a supporting statement sound?

You should:

◆ present your information in a clear and easy to read style
◆ not be afraid to use superlatives
◆ evidence achievements and effects
◆ check your facts and accuracy
◆ check spelling, punctuation, grammar.
What shouldn’t a supporting statement shouldn’t be:

- an extended CV
- a list of educational achievements, appointments, awards or posts
- a job description showing what the candidate does.