

## STANSW Fellowship (FSTANSW)

Fellowship of the Science Teachers' Association of NSW may be awarded to any financial member to acknowledge and recognise their ongoing and outstanding contributions to science education in NSW.

These contributions can be demonstrated through long term:

1. personal commitment to science education,
2. presentation of written papers, articles, lectures or workshops which demonstrate exemplary educational leadership,
3. significant contributions to the science teaching profession that reflect dedication to STANSW and Council governance.

The number of awardees each year is at the discretion of the STANSW Awards Committee. Fellowship nominations will be recognised at the Annual STANSW Conference.

Recipients of a fellowship will receive

- a formal citation,
- a commemorative pin,
- honour at the STANSW Annual Conference,
- public recognition in SEN, Science Matters and website,
- Post nominal letters (FSTANSW).

There will be no travel expenses will be provided for recipients to receive this award.

### Eligibility

This award is open to STANSW members who have more than 10 years of continual membership. Members may not self-nominate. A person who is currently a member of STANSW and is knowledgeable about the candidate's contributions to the science education community may submit a nomination.

### Submission requirements

The nomination must be accompanied with information about the nominee's:

1. Current school or organisation and number of years teaching experience.

2. Educational background outlining recognised degrees or relevant certificates.
3. A one-page description of all service to STANSW and science education that describes relevant involvement in STANSW. This service may also include involvement in branches. Service definition also includes special activities such as workshops, committees and conferences as well as STANSW Council offices held.
4. Description of the major reasons why this member should be considered for the honour of STANSW Fellowship. These are significant contributions that the candidate has made to the profession. Address each of the points in the selection criteria. Label each section and number each page.
5. **Two referees** who are familiar with the member's accomplishments and who have agreed to act as referees on behalf of the member. Information about referees should include
  - a. name,
  - b. e-mail address,
  - c. telephone numbers and
  - d. relationship to nominee.
  - e. The referee should explain briefly how the individual is familiar with the member's work. In addition, each of these referees should provide a letter of support for this member that provides comments about the member's contributions to STANSW and/or science education. Letters should not exceed three pages.
  - f. Referees can expect to be contacted by members of the Awards Committee.
  - g. Referees need not be members of STANSW.
6. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
7. The deadline for application submission will be two (2) calendar months before the STANSW Annual Conference.

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**Selection Criteria**

From the Teaching, Service, and Leadership criteria, only two should be selected and thoroughly discussed. The word count should be limited to 500 words or less for each of the selection criteria discussed. Electronic submission is preferred.

*Commitment criteria* (compulsory section):

- a) evidence of long term commitment to science education in a voluntary capacity,
- b) recognition of the importance of life-long learning as evidenced by personal professional development,
- c) evidence of the value of collaborative learning for improvement,
- d) demonstration of personal characteristics that exemplify the science teaching professional.

Support description of the above criteria with further information about any two of the following:

*Teaching Criteria*

- a) excellence in teaching as shown by student achievement,

- b) innovation in development of curriculum materials,
- c) mentoring of other teachers.

*Service Criteria*

- a) leadership in or for STANSW Council (e.g. Executive position, committees, boards representation),
- b) professional development facilitation or coordination,
- c) authorship for STANSW journals and newsletters.

*Research Criteria*

- a) evidence of published research about teaching, learning and assessment,
- b) involvement in the research of others through collaboration or assistance,
- c) encouragement of others to become involved in science education research.