



American College of Cardiology Frequently Asked Questions about International Membership

1. How long does the process for applying to become a Fellow take?

About 4 months from deadline to notification of results.

Deadline for receipt of applications are:

May 1 and are reviewed in July and applicants are notified the first week in September.

Or

October 1 and are reviewed in January and applicants are notified the first week in February.

2. What are the annual dues?

ACC has approved a tiered dues structure for 2009 based on the country's economic status. Members have the option of choosing between receiving *the Journal of the American College of Cardiology* in hard copy, or for a lower dues rate opting to receive *JACC* on-line only.

| | Membership with paper subscription to JACC | Membership with access to electronic version of JACC |
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| High Income Countries | \$390 | \$250 |
| Middle Income/Low Income Countries | \$290 | \$150 |

3. What if I do not know any FACC in my home country but I do from other countries?

One Sponsorship letter must be from applicant's country or surrounding country, the 2nd can be from any FACC anywhere in the world.

4. Does my sponsorship letter have to be from an FACC or can it be from any member (applying for FACC)?

One letter must be from an FACC. The second letter can be from another FACC or the current president of national cardiovascular society in your home country.

5. I am not active in my national society, can I still apply?

Yes. While membership in your national cardiovascular society is helpful it is not a requirement to be a Fellow.

6. Will I get the same benefits as an International Associate?

International Associates receive the following benefits:

- Online access to the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* and the *Cardiosource Review Journal (CRJ)*.
- Full access to Cardiosource.
- Discounts on ACC programs and products.
- Discounts to attend the ACC Annual Scientific Session.

FACCs receive more benefits: including the option to receive a hard copy of the *JACC* or an on-line only subscription, greater reduction for programs and annual meeting, and opportunities to serve on committees and task forces.

7. What if I want to receive JACC in hard copy?

You can opt to pay a higher rate (the member cost of the journal) and receive *JACC* in the mail, or continue to pay the lower rate for on-line access.

8. Is it better to subscribe to Cardiosource or apply to be an International Associate member?

A subscription to Cardiosource is currently \$99 per year. Membership dues for International Associates are \$100 per year and include access to Cardiosource, access to the on-line versions of *JACC*, and many other benefits.

9. Can I apply on-line?

The International Associates application is available on-line at <http://www.acc.org/about/join/ia/iaapplicationform.htm>.

Applications for Fellow and Associate Fellow can download application materials at http://www.acc.org/about/join/joinacc_international.htm. Download the form, follow the instructions to complete the application, and mail it in with the requested documentation.

10. Do my CV and bibliography need to be in English?

Yes

11. Do I need to include a full copy of my CV as opposed to an abbreviated version?

A full copy of your CV is not necessary but you must submit your entire bibliography of publications in English.

12. Does the application fee have to be in US dollars?

Yes

13. What if I don't qualify to be a Fellow?

You can apply to be an Associate Fellow or International Associate. You will receive all of the benefits of membership and should you qualify at a later time you can still apply to advance to Fellow.

14. I am in training in my home country can I still be a member?

No, at this time, the College does not offer fellow in training (FIT) membership (except for Canada).

15. I am not a clinician, I do research, can I apply to be a Fellow?

Yes, you can still apply to be a Fellow. The requirements for researchers are: 2 years of cardiovascular research training and the candidate shall have made significant contributions to the scientific literature or as a teacher or investigator in cardiovascular disciplines.

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