



GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSORS

1. The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia recognises and champions excellence in the social sciences in Australia. Election of Fellows to the Academy takes place once a year, normally in November. The primary criterion for election is distinction in a nominee's contribution to, or impact in, one or more domains of social science research, practice, social policy or public understanding of social issues in Australia. A nominee's research contribution can be in any one or more of the social science disciplines. Contributions in other domains can include significant contributions through sustained and substantial advances in policy or practice, or through the promotion and dissemination of social science knowledge.
2. Nominations for election are placed before the Membership Committee which makes recommendations for candidates to be considered by a general ballot of Fellows. The Membership Committee consists of the President, the CEO, the Panel Chairs, and four members of the Academy, one from each of the Panels. The Membership Committee is concerned with establishing whether the person nominated can be deemed to have made a distinguished contribution to one or more branches of the social sciences. ***Independent assessors assist the Membership Committee in this assessment.***
3. The essential criterion in your assessment is distinction in a nominee's contribution to, or impact in, one or more domains of social science research, practice, social policy or public understanding of social issues in Australia. You are asked to summarise your support in one of the following five categories:
 - A. Strongly Support
 - B. Support
 - C. Neutral
 - D. Do Not Support
 - E. Strongly Do Not Support
4. An evidence-based assessment is of particular value. Please give reasons as to whether, and how, the nominee's achievements have made a scholarly impact or contribution to the field and if so, why they are worthy of recognition by the Academy.
5. It is important to note that while important, administrative or service roles such as serving as President of an academic association, as a university executive, or as Editor of a journal are not sufficient in their own right to merit election to the Academy. A nomination may list such appointments, and if they are evidence of high standing in the candidate's field of expertise, they may be taken into account, though in themselves they are not criteria for election. Such a nomination would need to be accompanied by evidence of the ways in which the candidate has made a significant contribution to the social sciences during, or before holding this position.
6. Your assessment should be made via the Academy's online portal. If you have any queries about the assessment or election process, please contact fellowship@socialsciences.org.au or phone +61 2 6249 1788.
7. Comments received will be strictly confidential to the Membership Committee.