

AASW Accreditation Panel Membership – Expression of Interest

Applications close: 30 May 2025

Are you passionate about upholding the highest standards in social work education? The AASW is calling for expression of interest from dedicated members to join the **ASWEAS Accreditation Assessment Panel**.

Role of Panel members

As a panel member, you will play a crucial role in evaluating and accrediting entry-level social work programs. Working in collaborative teams, you will assess new and existing programs, as well as restructured programs. As a Panel your experience and expertise will inform recommendations to the **AASW Accreditation Council** on program accreditation.

For those with accreditation experience, there is also an opportunity to step into a leadership role as a Panel Chair, guiding review processes and supporting the shaping of future social work education.

More information about AASW Accreditation process and the role of the Accreditation Assessment Panel can be found on the [AASW website](https://www.aasw.asn.au).

Commitment and tenure

Accreditation Panel members are expected to participate in at least one program review per year. Each accreditation assessment (average 3-4 days) typically involves travel along with participation in virtual meetings, and training/information sessions for knowledge-sharing, and ongoing professional development in accreditation practices.

Panel membership is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure alignment with accreditation needs and standards. The members may be invited to renew their involvement based on their contributions and availability.

Remuneration and expenses

Accreditation panel members receive payment in recognition of their contribution to an accreditation assessment process. Additionally, all reasonable expenses incurred during the accreditation activities are met by the Higher Education Provider.

Applications

Enquiries to: Kym Anderson & Elena Kwon, Accreditation Team AASW: education@aasw.asn.au

Email Expressions of Interest to education@aasw.asn.au

Applications should include;

- Statement addressing eligibility and selection criteria; (on following page)
- Resume/CV including statement of professional qualifications;
- Names and contact details of two referees;
- Any potential perceived conflicts of interest should be declared.

Criteria

The application cover letter doesn't need to address each point individually but should provide suitable coverage of the sections so that a thorough evaluation of the application can be made.

Professional Qualifications & Experience

- AASW Membership
- A recognised social work qualification from an AASW accredited program (or equivalent)
- Current or past experience as a social work practitioner, supervisor, educator, or leader in the field
- A minimum of five years' experience since qualification
- Academic experience is not required, but familiarity with social work education or accreditation processes is beneficial

Knowledge & Understanding

- Medium to strong understanding of the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS) or comparable accreditation frameworks
- Familiarity with higher education sector governance and quality assurance processes
- Awareness of current trends and challenges in social work practice trends and education

Analytical & Critical Thinking Skills

- Ability to critically assess social work curricula against accreditation standards
- Capacity to analyse evidence-based submissions and assess program effectiveness
- Skills in identifying strengths, gaps, and areas for improvement in social work education

Collaborative & Communication Skills

- Ability to work effectively in multi-disciplinary teams
- Strong interpersonal skills to engage professionally with educators, students, and institutions
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills to contribute to reports and recommendations
- Capacity to engage in respectful peer review, exercising fair and balanced judgment in evaluating programs

Ethical & Professional Integrity

- Commitment to upholding ethical and professional standards in social work education
- Ability to exercise independent, objective and evidence-based judgment



- Strict adherence to confidentiality, ensuring all accreditation discussions (including with AASW) and documents remain secure and private
- Awareness of conflicts of interest and a commitment to transparent, fair decision-making

Availability & Commitment

- Willingness to commit time for at least one accreditation assessment per year
- Capacity to travel as required for accreditation site visits
- Availability to participate in virtual meetings, teleconferences, and training/information sessions
- Commitment to ongoing professional development in accreditation practices and activities

Leadership

- Prior experience in accreditation, quality assurance, or higher education governance
- Ability to lead accreditation panels, facilitate discussions and guide decision making
- Experience in report writing and presenting recommendations to governance bodies

If you believe you meet these criteria and are passionate about the future of social work education, we encourage you to express your interest in joining the AASW Accreditation Assessment Panel!