



THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP/CANDIDATE FELLOWSHIP

Guidance Notes

Thank you for your interest in joining the Geological Society. These guidance notes explain the procedure for both Candidate Fellowship and Fellowship applications and accompany the Fellowship/Candidate Fellowship Application Form. The guidance notes should be read in conjunction with *Regulation RFP1: Nomination and Election of a New Fellow* or *Regulation RFP3: Rules for Candidate Fellows*, available on the website at www.geolsoc.org.uk/join on the Candidate Fellowship/Fellowship application page.

Candidate Fellowship is suitable for those who are currently registered for an undergraduate honours degree in geology or a related subject. Fellowship is aimed at those with a degree or equivalent qualification in geology or a related subject, or with at least 6 years' relevant experience in geology or a related subject. The guidance notes should answer any questions you might have, but if you have any further queries the Fellowship Department will be glad to help. Contact details for the Fellowship Department are given at the end of these guidance notes.

There are separate documents to cover applications for Chartered Geologist or Chartered Scientist status. Please contact the Fellowship Department for further details.

BENEFITS OF CANDIDATE FELLOWSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Candidate Fellows and Fellows receive the following benefits:

- our monthly magazine the *Geoscientist*
- one free Society journal with online access, with the option to subscribe to others at a discount
- access to the Lyell Collection – a huge online resource of Geological Society publications
- use of our library - one of the world's largest collections of geological books and journals
- membership of Regional and Specialist Groups and access to their meetings
- reduced publications and meeting registration fees

In addition Fellows have voting rights on Society issues and are entitled to use the postnominal FGS.

CANDIDATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

To apply for Candidate Fellowship you must be age 18 or over and

- currently registered for an undergraduate honours degree in geology or a related subject (natural sciences, mathematics or engineering)

OR

- acquiring relevant experience in geology or a related subject that will enable you to subsequently be elected as a Fellow.

You can remain a Candidate Fellow for up to one year after graduation. If you already hold a degree you should apply for Fellowship.

To apply please complete the Application for Fellowship/Candidate Fellowship form, including Sections A and C. Please note that you need to collect two signatures from current Fellows of the Society as proposers for your application. If you do not know any Fellows, it is acceptable for university lecturers/school teachers (eg Head of Department) or members of similar organisations (eg Institution of Civil Engineers) to propose you.

Return the completed and signed application form with the *Payments and Journal Requests* sheet and your first year's subscription to the Administrative Fellowship Secretary at the address below. We will write to acknowledge receipt of your application. Elections take place five times a year.

There is no admission fee for Candidate Fellows. The first year's subscription can either be paid at the annual rate or undergraduates can pay a one-off fee for the duration of their course. The first year's subscription must

be paid by cheque or credit card (please use the attached slip). However, after the first year you may change to paying by Direct Debit if you have a UK bank/building society.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Criteria

The criteria for obtaining Fellowship are as follows:

- a degree or equivalent qualification which shall be an honours degree in geology or a related subject (natural sciences, engineering, mathematics)
- OR not less than six years' relevant experience in geology or a related subject.

The application form

To apply, please complete the form, including Section A if applicable. Please note that you need to collect two signatures from current Fellows of the Society as proposers for your application. The proposers should be personally acquainted with you. If you do not know any Fellows, it is possible for a member of a similar organisation, such as ICE, IOM3, AAPG, SPE, to propose you. In case of difficulty, contact the Administrative Fellowship Secretary.

Proof of qualifications

Degrees awarded in the UK: please provide a clear photocopy or pdf of your original degree certificate with your completed application form.

Degrees awarded overseas: please ensure that the 'Statement of Qualifications' form (available at www.geolsoc.org.uk/apply) is completed and returned with your application form once it has been filled in by the Registrar of the institution where your degree was taken with the request that it be certified.

Fees

An admission fee is payable by all applicants for Fellowship to cover the costs of processing, unless you are already a Candidate Fellow of the Society, or are a full-time postgraduate student, or have previously been a Fellow of the Society and are rejoining. Fees are listed on the enclosed sheet. Your payment should comprise the correct annual fee, plus the admission fee if applicable and also the cost of any additional journals you decide to take. Note that there is a reduced annual fee for those aged 34 – 59 who live outside Europe; and a special fee is also available for joint Fellowship where two Fellows live at the same address. The first year must be paid for by cheque or credit card (please use the attached slip). However, you may opt to pay for subsequent years by Direct Debit – please contact us to request a mandate if you would like a Direct Debit setting up in time for the next renewal. Payment in either 1, 2 or 4 parts is offered. (This is only available to holders of UK bank accounts).

Application procedure

To apply please send the following to the Administrative Fellowship Secretary at the address below:

- Application for Fellowship/Candidate Fellowship form
- Payments and Journals Request sheet
- Correct payment (annual fee, plus payment for any additional journals, plus admission fee if applicable)
- Completed Statement of Qualification form

We will write to acknowledge receipt of your application. Elections take place five times a year. A certificate of Fellowship will be issued to you and at this point you may use the letters FGS after your name. If it is decided that you do not qualify for Fellowship you may be invited to join as a Candidate Fellow. Fellows with at least 5 years post-graduation experience may also wish to make an application for Chartered (CGeol or CSci) status – please contact the Fellowship Department if you would like further details or see the website.

TO CONTACT THE FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT (ADDRESS FOR APPLICATIONS)

Address: Administrative Fellowship Secretary
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