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FAQS

How do I renew my Fellowship?

Renewals are due in November for the following year, for which we will contact you in September by email or post. You can renew your Fellowship online using the instructions on our webpage geolsoc.org.uk/renewals, or by calling our automated 24 hour telephone payment service on +44 (0) 330 088 3447. Alternatively you can post your renewal forms with payment by cheque (payable to Geological Society in Sterling), credit/debit card authorisation or direct debit (in one, two or four instalments from a UK bank account).

How can I access my chosen content on the Lyell Collection?

To access your selected content on the Lyell Collection you will need to login to **lyellcollection.org** using your Fellows login details. If you cannot access Lyell content it may be because: your subscription does not include that content; your subscription has expired or you are not logged in as a Fellow.

The Lyell FAQs, geolsoc.org.uk/lyellcollection_faqs, may help or alternatively contact the Fellowship office.

How do I update my contact details & subscription options?

You can update your subscription options and contact details, (including address, email, telephone number and regional group) via the online form on our website geolsoc.org.uk/subchanges.

A more comprehensive list of FAQs can be found at geolsoc.org.uk/faq

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- For library services please email library@geolsoc.org.uk
- For events please email registrations@geolsoc.org.uk
- For all other enquires please email enquiries@geolsoc.org.uk

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WELCOME TO THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

As a Fellow you are part of an international community of over 12,000 geoscientists across 80 countries worldwide.

Our Fellows cover the spectrum of geoscience professions, from industry and consultancy to education and the public sector. As a Fellow you are entitled to use the post-nominal 'FGS' which shows your commitment to the highest standards of professionalism. Fellowship of the Geological Society provides a wide range of benefits for geoscientists, at all stages of their career, from student, throughout employment to retirement.

A SUMMARY OF YOUR BENEFITS

- Free online access to Society journal(s)
- Discounts on all additional print and online Society journals
- Free online access to the Book Archive
- Up to 50% discount on GSL books
- Full Book Collection access at an exclusive Fellows price
- Geofacets-GSL Millennium edition discounted subscription
- Discounts on fees for Open Access publishing in GSL journals and books
- Free subscription to Geoscientist magazine
- Twice monthly email newsletter with Society news and upcoming events information
- Access to one of the finest Earth Science libraries in the world
- Remote access to over 100 online journals and 45+ e-books through the GSL Library portal
- Opportunity to become a Chartered Geologist or Chartered Scientist
- Access to professional development funding
- Reciprocal qualification transfer to AAPG, AIPG & IGI for Chartered Geologists
- A route to gaining other professional qualifications such as SiLC, RoGEP and CSCS cards
- Discounts on our endorsed training courses
- Free listing on our Fellowship Directory
- Tax deductible Fellowship fees
- Discounts at selected suppliers of goods and services
- 25% off your RAS and GSL fees if you are a Fellow of both Societies
- Free membership of our Regional and Specialist Groups
- Attend free and discounted conferences and events
- Discounts on meeting room hire
- Superb meeting and work space in Central London with free Wifi

FELLOWS ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS FOR 2018

- Free online access to journals - Fellows may now choose free online access to one of the following options:
 1. Combined Journal option (Journal of the Geological Society and Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology)
 2. Petroleum Geoscience
 3. Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis
- Free online access to the Book Archive – over 460 books published before December 2014.

For a small additional fee Fellows can upgrade to include:

- Print copies of your chosen Society journal(s)
- Online or online + print subscriptions to other journals published by GSL
- The Full Book Collection – the Book Archive PLUS new books published since January 2015

PLUS Fellows can receive:

- Up to 50% discount on GSL books, including:
 - ◆ Special Publications
 - ◆ Memoirs
 - ◆ Engineering Geology Special Publications
- Discounted subscriptions to Geology Today published by Wiley and GSA's Geology

FELLOWS ACCESS TO EVENTS

The Geological Society organises a programme of high quality lectures and events across the UK and internationally, where Fellows have the opportunity to expand knowledge and network with other professionals across a variety of disciplines.

As a Fellow of the Society you are entitled to:

- Reduced conference rates
- Discounted venue hire rates

For full details of the Society's programme of events, visit geolsoc.org.uk/events or contact the Conference Office on **020 7434 9944**.

FELLOWS ACCESS TO BURLINGTON HOUSE

As a Fellow you have access to our prestigious Central London apartments which are ideal for meetings, work and study. We are located near excellent transport links and have free Wifi access and power points in our public areas, which include the Lyell Room and Lower Library. Please note space is available on a first come basis.

FELLOWS ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES

The Geological Society houses one of the largest collections of geological literature in the world, with around 300,000 volumes of books and serials and over 40,000 maps. The Geological Society Library is a research library which offers its Fellows the best of both worlds: rich historical and archive collections as well as the most up to-date information resources in print and electronic formats. We currently subscribe to over 600 journal titles. Our Library is able to provide users with a range of services including:

- 100+ e-journals and over 45 e-books available onsite or remotely
- New online library catalogue with access to online renewals & requests, loan history and customisable bibliographies.
- Loans (including via post) of books, journals and maps
- Document delivery and inter-library loan services
- Literature Search and enquiry services

The Library is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 5.30pm for use by Fellows, Candidate Fellows and members of Corporate Affiliate companies. For a full list of all Library services please visit geolsoc.org.uk/library

You can contact the library on **0207 432 0999** or email library@geolsoc.org.uk

OUTREACH

The Society works to advance knowledge and understanding of geoscience and of the work of professional geoscientists to policymakers, the media, those in education and wider public audiences. This work depends on the support and engagement of our Fellows. Recent highlights include:

- 100 Great Geosites in the UK and Ireland (geolsoc.org.uk/100Geosites)
- Geology for Society, a major policy report, now available in 13 European languages (geolsoc.org.uk/geology-for-society)
- Careers Portal
- Local and national careers events
- Responses to many consultations and inquiries, often working with partner organisations
- Conferences and briefing meetings on policy-relevant geoscience in the UK and internationally
- Education and outreach activities linked to our annual science themes (2018 is our Year of Resources)

PROFESSIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Society provides it's Fellows with a range of services to aid professional and career development.

These include:

Chartership - Fellows can gain professional qualifications by applying for Chartership. We offer two pathways to Chartership:

- Chartered Scientist (CSci)
- Chartered Geologist (CGeol)

Both require high standards of knowledge, competence and professionalism and are recognised in the UK and a number of other countries. Chartered Geologist opens the door for further qualifications such as:

- SiLC (Specialist in Land Condition)
- RoGEP (Register of Ground Engineering Professionals)
- CSCS cards (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)

In addition

- The title of Chartered Geologist is a pre-requisite to be a 'competent person' under the PERC and many other international reserves and resources reporting codes in the CIRISCO family
- As a Chartered Geologist you can apply for the highly regarded European Geologists title
- Reciprocal arrangements with the AAPG, the AIPG and the IGI under which we mutually recognise the equivalence of each other's professional qualification
- Chartered Geologists can purchase the Professional Chartered Stamp

which can be used to indicate professional status on documents, drawings and letters

- Chartered Geologists who wish to use the electronic CGeol logo with their e-signatures, can download free of charge from our website (for details see geolsoc.org.uk/cgeolstamp)

For details and to apply please visit geolsoc.org.uk/chartership

The Geological Society mentoring scheme

If you are working towards a Chartership qualification and would like a mentor, the Society can help you find someone to guide you through that process.

For more information please visit our website geolsoc.org.uk/mentoring

Endorsed training courses

Discounts are available to Fellows on our endorsed training courses, allowing you to further develop your knowledge and experience. For details and a list of courses please visit

geolsoc.org.uk/events

Fellows Directory

Free registration on our Fellows directory, allowing you to promote your membership

Tax deductible Fellowship fees

If you are a UK taxpayer, you may be able to save up to 40% of the cost of your membership subscription. You can download a form and instructions on how to apply from our website

geolsoc.org.uk/taxrelief

Discounted RAS membership

The Geological Society and the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS), have agreed that Fellows who are members of both Societies will receive a 25% discount off the RAS rate 3 and GSL 34-59 age band membership fees. This arrangement allows Fellows who are interested in astronomy and geodesy the benefit of membership with another highly regarded learned society also located at Burlington House. For further details see

geolsoc.org.uk/ras

REGIONAL & SPECIALIST GROUPS

There are 15 Regional Groups in the UK and one in Hong Kong, which organise scientific, technical, professional and social events locally. All Fellows are allocated to their nearest group.

The Society also has 22 Specialist Groups and Joint Associations, catering for most aspects of modern Earth science. Fellows are free to join as many such groups as they wish. Your local/selected group will email you direct, so please ensure that your email address and mailing status is updated. For more information about our Regional Groups and Specialist Groups and their events, including contact details, please visit geolsoc.org.uk/groups

Regional Groups

- Central Scotland
- East Anglian
- East Midlands
- Home Counties North
- North West
- Northern
- Northern Ireland
- Solent
- South East
- South West
- Southern Wales
- Thames Valley
- West Midlands
- Western
- Yorkshire
- Hong Kong

Specialist Groups

- British Geophysical Association
- British Sedimentological Research Group
- British Society for Geomorphology
- Contaminated Land Group
- Engineering Group
- Forensic Geoscience Group
- Gaia: Earth Systems Science Group
- Geochemistry Group
- Geological Curators' Group
- Geological Remote Sensing Group
- Geological Society Discussion Group
- Geoscience Information Group
- History of Geology Group
- Hydrogeological Group
- Marine Studies Group
- Metamorphic Studies Group
- Mineral Deposits Studies Group
- Near Surface Geophysics Group
- Petroleum Group
- Quaternary Research Association
- Tectonic Studies Group
- Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group