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# FELLOWSHIP GUIDE 2021



# THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## YOUR SUPPORT IS INVALUABLE

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

Our Fellows cover the spectrum of geoscience professions, from industry and consultancy to education and the public sector. Fellows are also 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 every career stage – whether you are choosing your university options, seeking a new position or planning for retirement.

## WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU WITH

- ✓ Professional & career development
- ✓ Access to geoscience communities
- ✓ Professional & scientific publications
- ✓ Conferences and events
- ✓ Library services
- ✓ Access to meeting spaces in central London

And only with your support can we promote our science and profession for the benefit of society.

## PROFESSIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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

### Chartership

Fellows can apply for professional qualifications such as Chartered Geologist (CGeol) and Chartered Scientist (CSci). Both require high standards of knowledge, competence and professionalism and are recognised in the UK and a number of other countries.

### Other benefits of Chartership include:

- Access to further qualifications such as:
  - SiLC (Specialist in Land Condition)
  - RoGEP (Register of Ground Engineering Professionals)
  - CSCS cards (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)
- Chartered Geologist status is a prerequisite to be a 'competent person' under the PERC and many other international reserves and resources reporting codes in the CRIRSCO family
- As a Chartered Geologist you can apply for the highly regarded title of European Geologist (EurGeol)
- Chartered Geologists can join the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and the Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI), using the Society's reciprocal arrangements

For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/chartership](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/chartership)

### Endorsed training courses

Discounts are available to Fellows on Society endorsed training courses, allowing you to develop your knowledge and experience further. For a list of courses, please visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/events](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/events)

### Fellowship Directory

As a Fellow, you have free registration on our online Fellows' directory, allowing you to promote your membership.



## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a way for professional geologists to maintain and develop the standards of technical and professional competence required for their work. As well as broadening your knowledge, CPD gives assurance to your employers and to society in general, that you are professionally competent.

You can record your CPD using the Society's online CPD system within the MyGSL member portal. For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/CPD](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/CPD)

## Mentoring

The Society runs a mentoring initiative for those Fellows who wish to become Chartered Geologists. This initiative is run through the LinkedIn networking platform via a group, which includes both prospective mentors and those who would like to be mentees. You can join the group at any stage of the chartership application process. It is helpful to write a short note explaining your background, your experience, your location, and your ideal timeframe to becoming chartered, and the type of mentoring you are interested in. Prospective mentors will then reach out to you if they think you would be a suitable match for their skillset and experience.

The Geological Society Chartered Geologists Mentoring Group can be accessed using the following link: [www.geolsoc.org.uk/mentoring](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/mentoring)

## Stay connected

Stay connected with our member magazine *Geoscientist* and regular e-newsletters, and keep up to date with the latest news from the geoscience community. You can also join our lively social media scene on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

## Join our growing community of geoscientists on social media:



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## 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 **24 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 [www.geolsoc.org.uk/groups](http://www.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

Early Careers Network

Earth Systems Science Group

Engineering Group

Environment Network

Forensic Geoscience 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

Energy Group

Quaternary Research Association

Tectonic Studies Group

Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group



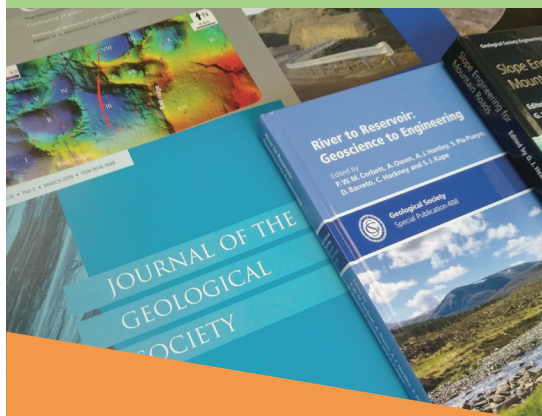
## PROFESSIONAL & SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

### Free online access to journals

Fellows may choose free online access to one of the following journal options:

1. Combined journal option  
(*Journal of the Geological Society* and *Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology*)
2. *Petroleum Geoscience* -  
*The international journal of geoenery and applied Earth science*
3. *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis*

**Free online access to the Book Archive, which includes over 500 books, published before 31 December 2016.**



## GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 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 their knowledge and network with other professionals across a variety of disciplines. This year (2020) is our 'Year of Life' and our programme of events will be based on this theme.

We also welcome proposals for conferences, either at Burlington House or across the UK. For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/meetings](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/meetings)

### Free access to Geofacets-GSL Millennium edition

Access thousands of maps along with the contextual information from the Lyell Collection.

### For a small additional fee Fellows can upgrade to include:

- Additional journals published by the Society
- The Full Book Collection, which includes the Book Archive, plus new books published since January 2017

### Up to 50% discount on Society books, including:

- Special Publications
- Memoirs
- Engineering Geology Special Publications
- Plus smaller discounts available on selected books distributed by the Geological Society, see [www.geolsoc.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/bookshop) to view the range available
- Open Access Publishing for Fellows
- Fellows are eligible for 25% discount on Open Access Publishing fees, find out more, [www.geolsoc.org.uk/Open-Access](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Open-Access)

**Discounted subscriptions to Geology Today published by Wiley and GSA's Geology.**

Fellows of the Society are entitled to reduced conference rates at these and other Society-organised events.

For full details of the Society's programme of events, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/events](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/events) or to make an enquiry please, contact the Conference Office, [conference@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:conference@geolsoc.org.uk)

## 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 Wi-Fi access and power points in our public areas, which include the Lyell Room and Lower Library.

**Please note space is temporary unavailable due to COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Fellows who wish to hire one of our meeting or conference rooms can do so at preferential rates. We have a number of unique venues available to fellows, including a large, state-of-the-art, tiered lecture theatre accommodating up to 172 delegates and three smaller versatile rooms, all with complementary Wi-Fi and enhanced AV. To discuss holding an event or conference please contact our Venue Hire office, [venuehire@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@geolsoc.org.uk)

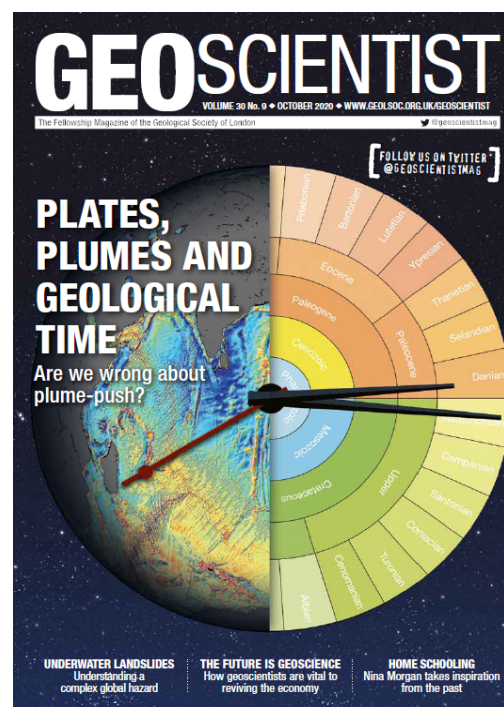


## GEOSCIENTIST

Fellowship magazine of the Geological Society: with news about science, people, the Society, features, reviews, opinion, letters and forthcoming events.

The magazine is the main means of communication between the Society and its Fellows, but is also editorially independent of Council and the Secretariat.

Geoscientist has a print run of ~13,000 and is distributed free to all Society Fellows, with backgrounds across academia and industry, in 84 different countries. For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/geoscientist](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/geoscientist)





## 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 provides users with a range of services including:

- Free access to 100+ e-journals and over 50 e-books available onsite or remotely
- Online Library catalogue to search books, journals and maps, renew and request items, view loan history and create bibliographies
- Loans (including via post) of books, journals and maps
- Access to the Map Room
- Document delivery and inter-library loan services
- Literature search and enquiry services
- Archive catalogue
- Burlington House Bookshop

Following the government's announcement of activity restrictions in England, the Society has temporarily suspended Library visits. We hope to reopen as soon as allowed under government guidelines.

For updates and a full list of all Library services, please visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/library](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/library)



## SUPPORTING THE SCIENCE AND PROFESSION

Your Society is much more than a membership organisation. We are a registered charity and your support enables us to continue and develop essential outreach programmes.

The Society works to promote the geosciences and the work of 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:

- The Role of Geoscience in Decarbonisation – briefing published following the 2019 Bryan Lovell Meeting exploring the ways in which geoscience technologies can deliver decarbonisation ([geolsoc.org.uk/lovell19](http://geolsoc.org.uk/lovell19))
- Geology Career Pathways – an online resource that provides detailed information about studying geology at school and university and shows where geology can take you throughout your career.
- Responses to parliamentary inquiries and government consultations on a diverse range of topics, such as energy policy, mineral resources, research funding and geoscience skills in the UK workforce.
- Geology for Society, a major policy report, now available in 13 European languages ([geolsoc.org.uk/geology-for-society](http://geolsoc.org.uk/geology-for-society)).
- Annual student careers events in Nottingham, Edinburgh and London.
- Education and outreach activities linked to themed years' programme. 2019 was the Year of Carbon and the Society produced a set of 13 educational infographics on links between carbon and geoscience. (<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/About/Themed-Years/Year-of-Carbon>)
- Earth Science Week, which this year focused on the theme 'Geoscience is for everyone'.

If you might be able to contribute to future policy responses, please contact [policy@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:policy@geolsoc.org.uk) with details of your relevant expertise. If you would like to volunteer at our outreach and educational events or would like information on running your own, please contact [outreach@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:outreach@geolsoc.org.uk)

