

Application for Fellowship

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Surname _____

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Payment by cheque, draft, credit or debit card or BACS	<i>Waived</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Subscription Rates for 2025

Fellowship including digital subscription to all Society journals	£139.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Optional Subscriptions

Fellowship subscription to 'Geographical magazine'	+ £50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
This subscription includes both the print and digital editions		

5. Reciprocal Membership (for residents outside the USA or Canada only)

Reciprocal Association of American Geographers	+ £98.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reciprocal Canadian Association of Geographers	+ £98.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total payable with this Application £ _____

6. Data Protection

Your information will be treated with the strictest confidence. It will be processed for membership purposes only and will be shared with a small number of third parties for the purpose of providing you with membership services. We will never share your data for marketing purposes. As a Fellow, your personal details will be held as part of the Society's historical archive. More information on our privacy policy can be found at www.rgs.org/privacy-notice

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7. Nomination of Candidate for Election

All applicants please complete one of the relevant sections (A or B below). Please refer to the Eligibility Criteria on the next page for more information before completing this Application.

A. Fellowship for those currently holding teaching or research position in a department of geography or equivalent in an institute of higher education.

Such persons will automatically be nominated by Council, when accompanied by a brief CV on one side of A4

Job title (e.g. Lecturer)

Department name

University or Institute to which you
are attached

B. Fellowship for all others

Please append: a) a statement setting out how you consider that you meet the Eligibility Criteria for Fellowship; and b) a brief biography or CV on one side of A4 outlining your academic or professional qualification, employment, interests or other relevant experience of matters geographical including, research, expeditions, travel, teaching, occupation etc.

Applicants must be proposed by an existing Fellow, who knows the candidate personally.

If you do not know an existing Fellow to propose you, please submit a short paragraph, either as a separate covering letter or as part of your CV, indicating how you meet the eligibility criteria for Fellowship and the Membership Office will arrange for a senior Staff Fellow to act in this capacity.

Proposer signature

Name

Fellowship no.

Please state in what capacity you are proposing the candidate

Research Groups

If you would like more information, please visit www.rgs.org/researchgroups where details on each Group are provided.

Please return the completed form with your payment or with your completed Direct Debit form to:

Membership Office, Royal Geographical Society with IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

tel: +44 (0)20 7591 3080 fax: +44 (0)20 7591 3079 email: membership@rgs.org website www.rgs.org



Eligibility Criteria: Guidelines for Fellowship

Someone who seeks election as a **Fellow** must satisfy Council that they have either:

- a. A sufficient involvement in geography or an allied subject through training, profession, research, publications or other work of a similar nature; or
- b. Not less than five years continuous commitment to the Society as an Ordinary Member at the discretion of Council.

The broad base of membership of the Society is greatly valued and it is intended that the criteria for Fellowship should be interpreted broadly. Application for Fellowship will require the support of two existing Fellows, unless applicants hold teaching or research positions in departments of geography or equivalent in higher education.

Application for Fellowship is open to anyone in the world over the age of 21 who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of Council that they bring sufficient geographical or allied expertise or knowledge to the Society to meet one or more of the following criteria. Expertise and involvement may come from those with academic or professional backgrounds, as well as from those with a well-developed enthusiasm for geography. The points below provide broad guidelines to the approach that Council will take when considering direct applications for Fellowship. They are intended to illustrate breadth of compass rather than to be prescriptive.

Training

The attainment of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree qualification in the UK, or equivalent from universities elsewhere in the world, in geography or in allied disciplines that concern the understanding of environmental, economic and/or societal processes in the world, or that make significant use of spatial information. Without being prescriptive as to allied disciplines, substantial programmes of study, for example, in area studies; climatology; conservation and ecology; countryside management; development studies; earth science; environmental archaeology; environmental law; environmental management; environmental science; geographical information science; humanities; hydrology; international studies; oceanography; planning; regional science; social policy; social science; surveying; and transport studies should demonstrate appropriate relevance.

Profession

A wide number of professions can make substantial use of geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and information in policy, planning, decision-making and delivery in all or part of their work. Without being prescriptive, applicants should demonstrate appropriate relevance in professions including conservation; education; environmental and geomorphological consultancy and services; estate management and agriculture; geoscience; GIS and cartography; international development; meteorology; natural resource management; navigation; planning; retail and utilities management; surveying; transportation, travel and tourism; and relevant aspects of politics and the civil, diplomatic and military services.

Research

Applicants should demonstrate appropriate relevance to advancement in knowledge or understanding within the sphere of geography and related disciplines, regardless of the location, the spatial scale and the specific mode (archive, desk, expedition, field, laboratory, space) of the research or exploration endeavour. Other than under exceptional circumstances, this is likely to be contributions equivalent to final year undergraduate dissertation level or above. Normally the research would be expected to be available to others as publications or as unpublished reports.

Publications

Publications of merit that disseminate advances in geographical knowledge and understanding, that increase access to geographical knowledge in education, or that raise knowledgeable enthusiasm and awareness of geographical issues and the world among the wider public. By way of guidance as to breadth, scientific papers, scholarly books, educational books, high quality travel books, substantial reports contributing to knowledge including expedition reports, media articles of a high geographical content, the preparation of exceptional geographical websites and lecture series may be considered.

Work of a similar nature

Geographical endeavour is not restricted to the four categories above, and the Society's Council is pleased to consider carefully formulated cases for Fellowship outside of these areas that can be convincingly shown to meet criteria (a). For example, there are media and TV professionals, those raising public knowledge through lecture programmes, and those significantly assisting the Society's development or that of other geographical bodies and closely related bodies worldwide.

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