



Fellow Membership: Eligibility Criteria

Fellowship of the British Society of Soil Science (BSSS) is awarded to applicants who are able to demonstrate how they have achieved an important level of responsibility and professional experience and have achieved national and/or international recognition within the soil science community. Fellow membership is via a self-nominated process and open to current members of the Society.

Expectations

To be considered for Fellow membership, it is **expected** that you:

- Are a current Full member of the British Society of Soil Science
- Have forged a career which comprises a significant component of soil science
- Have a university degree or recognised qualification in soil science or an allied discipline
- Have published soil related research papers, a science textbook or book chapters or a key industry document
- Have held Research Grants as Lead Researcher or Commercial Contracts as Project Manager
- Have made contributions to soil science over and beyond your day-to-day work (or that of your employer(s))

Esteem Indicators

Applicants will need to have achieved a **minimum of three** of the following esteem indicators:

- Chartered Scientist or other chartership status
- Scientific Journal Editor or Deputy Editor
- Grant reviewer for national or international award bodies
- PhD external examiner (academia or industry based)
- National or international conference organisation

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- Invited speaker at national and international conferences
- BSSS Committee Chair
- Invited member of Government or Industrial committees or working groups
- Industry awards
- Voluntary commitment to scientific organisations (inc. but not limited to BSSS).

Time-frame

Applications are accepted on an annual basis, during the month of September, and are reviewed by the Professional Practice Committee ahead of the start of the next membership year. If an applicant does not meet the above expectations and a minimum of three of the esteem indicators, their application will be rejected by the review panel. If an application has previously been rejected but an applicant has since achieved the necessary expectations and esteem indicators, the review panel would welcome a resubmission.

If you have any queries regarding fellow membership after reading this document, please contact admin@soils.org.uk.

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