



GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA FELLOWSHIP - FELLOW OF GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA ("FGC")

TERMS OF REFERENCE, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA and ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Geoscientists Canada Fellowship honours individuals who have given noteworthy service to the regulation of the geoscience profession in one of the following categories:

1. Geoscientists who have:
 - a. Assumed office as President of Geoscientists Canada; or
 - b. Assumed office as Chair of the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board; or
 - c. Assumed office as President/Chair of one of Geoscientists Canada's Members boards; or
 - d. Served the regulation of the geoscience profession in a volunteer capacity for at least 10 years. The total length of service can be a combination of service on Geoscientists Canada boards, committees and task forces, and/or service as a volunteer for a Geoscientists Canada Member; or
 - e. Served in a senior staff capacity with Geoscientists Canada and/or a Geoscientists Canada Member for a minimum of 10 years
 - f. Provided noteworthy service to the regulation of the geoscience profession in another capacity
2. Non-Geoscientists who have met the requirements of criteria (c), (d) (e) and/or (f) above.

Being bestowed with this honour means that these dedicated individuals have the privilege of using the designation "Fellow of Geoscientists Canada" ["FGC"]; or "Honorary Geoscientists Canada Fellow" ["FGC (Hon.)"].

FELLOWSHIP RECOGNITION

- Fellowship recognition is granted through the receipt of a personalized certificate (unframed) and a specially minted lapel pin provided by Geoscientists Canada.
- Fellowships are generally bestowed at meetings of Geoscientists Canada or meetings of the Member of the recipient.
- Presentations are to be made by the President of Geoscientists Canada, the President's designate, or the Geoscientists Canada Director for the Member.
- Geoscientists Canada administers and maintains an honour roll listing all fellows and their dates of entry into fellowship.
- The fellowship recognition may be granted posthumously.

NOMINATIONS

- Nominations are sought once annually, immediately following the spring/summer meeting of the Board of Directors.

- Approvals will take place twice annually, normally at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the calendar year (usually in January) and at the spring/summer meeting.
- Nominations may be submitted by Geoscientists Canada or in any given jurisdiction by a Geoscientists Canada Member or advocacy body¹. The nominating body must verify that the nominee is registered with the Member and that their registration is in good standing. For the FGC (Hon.) the nominating body must provide supporting documentation.
- Nominations must be submitted in the format specified by Geoscientists Canada.
- Nominations may be submitted for posthumous recognition.

STATUS AND AUTHORITY

- The fellowship is administered by Geoscientists Canada, following the criteria as set out in this Terms of Reference.
- Oversight of the fellowship is the responsibility of the Awards Committee, reporting to the Board of Directors.
- Recommendations of eligibility for fellowship are made by the Awards Committee, for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Decisions of the Board of Directors on eligibility for fellowship are final.
- It is the intent that fellowships once bestowed will remain in place in perpetuity. In the event that a fellow is sanctioned by disciplinary action or found guilty of an offense unbecoming the profession, the Board of Directors retains the right to revoke that person's fellowship.

ADMINISTRATION

- Geoscientists Canada will solicit nominations once annually at the same time each year.
- Lists of nominees will be prepared by Geoscientists Canada for presentation by the Awards Committee for approval by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of in the calendar year (usually in January) and at the spring/summer meeting of the Board of Directors.
- The January list will include all nominees received in time for consideration at that meeting; the list for the spring/summer meeting will include all remaining nominees in that year.
- Recipients will receive a personalized certificate (unframed), a letter from the President of Geoscientists Canada, a lapel pin, and a sheet of instructions about the correct use of the designation.
- For those recipients not receiving their fellowship at meetings of Geoscientists Canada, it will be the responsibility of Geoscientists Canada's Members to arrange events of their choice for the bestowing of fellowships upon their nominees by Geoscientists Canada.

¹ Advocacy Body recognized by Geoscientists Canada for nomination purposes. For Example: British Columbia Society of Engineers and Geoscientists (BCSEG)

- It is the responsibility of Geoscientists Canada's Members to plan their nominations such that the timing of approvals meet their particular requirements.

USE OF THE DESIGNATION

- It is recognized that fellows of Geoscientists Canada may each have a preferred format they wish to use. Suggested formats are:
 - Name, Degree, Professional Designation, Fellowship (e.g. Stephen S. Sandstone, M.Sc., P.Geo., FGC)
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- In the case where several degrees or designations were obtained, listing in chronological order is suggested:
 - Name, Degree, Higher Degree, Professional Designation, Fellowships (e.g. Stephen. S Sandstone, M.Sc., Ph.D., P.Geo., FGAC, FGC)
 - Name, Degree, Higher Degree, Fellowships, Professional Designation (e.g. Stephen S. Sandstone, M.Sc., Ph.D. FGAC, FGC, P.Geo.)

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