



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 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 Council; or
 - c. Assumed office as president/chair of one of Geoscientists Canada's constituent associations; or
 - d. Served the geoscience profession in a volunteer capacity for at least 10 years. The total length of service can be a combination of service on the Geoscientists Canada Board, its councils, committees and task forces, and/or service as a volunteer for a Geoscientists Canada constituent association; or
 - e. Served in a senior staff capacity with Geoscientists Canada and/or a constituent association for a minimum of 10 years
 - f. Provided noteworthy service to 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 constituent association 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 constituent association.
- Geoscientists Canada administers and maintains an honour roll listing all fellows and their dates of entry into fellowship.

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.
- Nominees in category d, e, and f require a short description of the noteworthy service.
- Nominations may be submitted by Geoscientists Canada or by a constituent association and must be signed by the president or chair and the CEO, or Executive Director/Registrar.
- Nominations must be submitted in the format specified by Geoscientists Canada.

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.
- The Awards Committee may request clarification or further information on a nomination;
- Recommendations of eligibility for fellowship are made by the Awards Committee, for approval by the Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors may request that the Awards Committee provide or seek further information to be brought before the Board of Directors at a future Board meeting.
- Decisions of the Board of Directors on eligibility for fellowship are final.
- It is the intent that fellowships once bestowed will remain in place for life. In the event that a fellow is sanctioned by disciplinary action or found guilty of an offense unbecoming the profession, the Board of Directors has 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 review of eligibility by the Awards Committee.
- The Awards Committee will present the list of eligible nominees for approval by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in the calendar year (usually in January) and at the spring/summer meeting of the Board of Directors (usually June).
- The January list will include all eligible nominees received at least six weeks prior to the meeting for consideration at that meeting; the list for the spring/summer meeting will include all remaining eligible nominees in that year received at least six weeks prior to the meeting.
- 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 the constituent associations to arrange events of their choice for the bestowing of fellowships upon their nominees by Geoscientists Canada.
- It is the responsibility of constituent associations 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)
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Approved by Board of Directors on 11 September 2018