

# IOP Institute of Physics

## Guidance note for the nomination of honorary fellows

### Who may become an honorary fellow?

*Distinguished persons intimately connected with physics or a science allied there to whom the Institute especially desires to honour for exceptionally important services in connection therewith, and distinguished persons, whom the Institute may desire to honour for service to the Institute or whose association therewith is of benefit to the Institute, shall be eligible to become Honorary Fellows of the Institute.*

Bylaw 4 of the Charter and Bylaws

A list of current honorary fellows can be found at: [www.iop.org](http://www.iop.org)

An honorary fellow may have contributed to physics generally or the work of the Institute in a number of ways:

- **Research achievement of Nobel level**  
An honorary fellow may have led a distinguished research career (including the application of physics or physics-based technologies) in an academe or industry, possibly to Nobel Prize level. It may also reward leadership of an international facility, for example CERN, or contributions in service of the country through senior advisory committees. The contribution should be distinguishable from those who win our most prestigious awards, indeed honorary fellowship may be awarded to previous winners of the Institute's Awards to reward contributions made after they received a medal.
- **Business leaders**  
Honorary fellowship may be conferred upon individuals whose research or leadership of a company has been of significant benefit.
- **Contributions to the welfare of physics through government/political service**  
An honorary fellow may have contributed to the welfare of physics through government/ political service, for example a science minister/politician whose work is judged to have been particularly beneficial to the science/physics community; a working peer; an advisor to government, for example the Chief Scientific Advisor; or an external advisor to government or government agencies whose work/reports have been particularly influential/beneficial to physics.
- **Philanthropy**  
Honorary fellowship may be conferred upon individuals who have done good works or who have committed significant amounts of personal wealth for the benefit of physics.
- **Service to the Institute**  
Honorary fellowship may also acknowledge those who have made exceptional contributions to the Institute, including its publishing activities, or someone whose relationship with the Institute has been of tremendous benefit.

## **COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM**

### **Section (1) – Nominee**

Please use one nomination form per nominee. Honorary fellows can be of any nationality and need not be an existing member of the Institute of Physics.

The Honorary Fellows Committee will look primarily at the strength of the summary of achievement when considering a nomination. However, it is also helpful for the committee to see a biographical statement and so should be included in the nomination. If including a curriculum vitae, this should be no longer than two pages.

### **Section (2) – Proposer**

Nominees must be proposed by another, they may not nominate themselves.

### **Section (3) – Summary of achievement**

The summary of achievement documents the contribution the nominee has made to their chosen area of endeavour and highlights the significance of that contribution. It may be for one or two major achievements or a body of work. It should be no more than 200 words and should be written for a scientifically literate lay person. The summary of achievement is a crucial factor when the Honorary Fellows Committee considers the nomination.

### **Section (4) – Supporting evidence**

Other supporting material may be included if relevant to the nomination. This should be no longer than two pages. If including publications or academic papers to demonstrate significant contributions in the nominee's chosen area of endeavour, note that a full publication list is not required, please list a maximum of ten (with dates).

### **Section (5) – Confirmation**

Please sign the form to confirm that the details provided are correct. If submitting the nomination by email please add a scanned signature or type your name.

Personal data provided on the nomination form may be held and processed by the Institute of Physics. A summary of the Institute's data protection policy is obtainable from the Institute on request.

### **Submitting the nomination**

Those wishing to make a nomination for honorary fellowship are asked to complete the nomination form that follows. Nominations are considered by an Honorary Fellows Committee that makes recommendations to Council on who should be awarded honorary fellowship.

Nominations can be submitted at any time throughout the year. For consideration in 2012, nominations must be received by Monday 19 March 2012.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to [awards@iop.org](mailto:awards@iop.org).

or alternatively can be sent to, Secretary to the Awards Committee, The Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT