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IOP Institute of Physics
In increasingly competitive times, gaining professional recognition for your work is vital. Employers and clients expect substantial evidence of your experience and capability.

Becoming a Chartered Physicist with the Institute of Physics shows that you’ve reached the highest standards in your chosen discipline. It also demonstrates that you have a professional attitude, commitment to ethical principles and continuous professional development.

What is chartership?
Chartership is a peer-reviewed and internationally recognised confirmation of your achievements.

Chartered status represents a certain quality in your work and proves that you have a level of knowledge and experience that can be relied upon by employers and the wider community. It is a recognition of your achievements and enhances your status as a professional physicist.

Appropriate for those working in all sectors, chartership gives you additional and recognised status beyond your qualifications which will set you apart from others.

Chartered Physicist
Chartered Physicists are characterised by their commitment to keeping pace with advancing knowledge, embracing innovation, and their capacity to undertake independent practice and exercise leadership.

This is the Institute’s own title and cannot be obtained anywhere else. It is aimed at practising physicists who have a breadth of competence and can demonstrate that they are working at a responsible level – taking account of the diversity of roles that this might encompass.

Holders are entitled to use the designatory letters CPhys after their name.

Other designations
The Institute is licensed by the Engineering Council to award Chartered Engineer (CEng) and by the Science Council to award Registered Scientist (RSci) and you may wish to consider these.

“I have used the Chartership routes to identify and work on competencies that have resulted in becoming a better and more rounded scientist/engineer, becoming more employable and has given me a process for in-work recognition and development. Chartership proves you have met the standards needed to be successful in the modern work place.”

Mr David Allan Homfray
CEng CPhys FInstP Engineering Realisation Section Head at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Benefits of chartership

• Holding chartered status validates your competence in an increasingly competitive environment, and confirms to others that you have reached the highest standards of professionalism

• Internationally recognised and peer assessed, chartered status can help you to achieve career progression and cement your position as a senior in your field

• Valued by employers, clients and external stakeholders, chartership shows commitment to your career and aids continued professional development, which enriches your knowledge and is key to career progression and professional growth

• Chartership provides more opportunities for networking and enables you to develop wider connections with senior colleagues and other chartered members

• Facilitates staff benchmarking and competencies, helping you keep your knowledge up to date and demonstrate your seniority and aptitude for research proposals and report sign offs

Dual chartership highlighted that I’m a competent engineer, a leading physicist, and have the ability to combine these various skills to achieve significant technology breakthroughs. It meant that opportunities opened up, for example, I recently enrolled on an MBA at a leading British university, and being chartered added great value to my application. It has also helped open collaborative avenues and contributing on boards to help push forward the boundaries of technology.

Ramsey Selim CEng CPhys
Senior Designer at Kaiam Corporation

Are you eligible?

To be eligible for Chartered Physicist you will:

• Be a member of the Institute of Physics which means you will need to have a physics based qualification or equivalent knowledge and experience

• Have a good breadth and depth of physics knowledge, demonstrated either by an accredited master’s degree or through a combination of education and experience

• Have sufficient work experience to enable you to demonstrate the CPhys competencies and provide examples of sustained experience at a responsible level. As a guide, we would expect a successful applicant to have a minimum of four to five years’ experience following their first degree

• Provide details of two supporters who can confirm your experience and knowledge

Chartered Physicist and Chartered Engineer are not exclusive, and many members feel that they benefit from holding both titles because of the varied nature of their role or expertise. As long as you are able to satisfy the requirements, you are welcome to apply for both designations.

Fee information

For successful Chartered Physicist applications, there is an application processing fee and a yearly fee. Please check our website for current fee amounts, or contact us for more information.
START
Read the guidance notes at iop.org/chartership

Do you meet the requirements?

UNSURE
Call us on +44 (0)20 7470 4800 or email cpd@iop.org to discuss

YES
If you are not already an IOP member, apply at iop.org/join

Complete the CPhys online application at applications.iop.org
- Complete the masters equivalency report (if required)
- Write your professional review report including your responsible experience and CPD
- Upload your certificates and CV
- Provide details of your two supporters
- Choose a payment method
- Submit your application

The IOP receives and acknowledges your application
- Initial administrative checks are conducted
- Supporters are contacted
- Completed supporter forms are checked
- Your application is considered by a panel of peers and you receive notification of the outcome

CPD
Every chartered member of the IOP is expected to keep up to date with their continued professional development
From 2018 all holders of CPhys may be required to submit a CPD report

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For more information about how Chartered Physicist status could benefit you and your career, or for help with your application:

Visit our website iop.org/chartership

or contact us to discuss your application on +44 (0)20 7470 4800
or cpd@iop.org

Apply online: applications.iop.org