



Post-Nominal & Fellowship Scheme

Introduction

Individual membership of The Hydrographic Society UK is open to anyone with any level of expertise or interest in the many and varied facets of hydrography, civil engineering, oceanography, geophysics, marine resource management and other associated disciplines. No formal qualifications are required.

Individual Members are sub-divided into three categories – **Individual**, **Retired** and **Student & New Graduate** – with all receiving the same membership benefits, as specified on the Society's website. In addition to these benefits, the Society has recently introduced a 'Post-Nominal & Fellowship Scheme' which is also open to all of these members – although the precise entitlements and nature of the post-nominal letters offered do vary according to their category of membership. There are **no additional subscriptions** associated with this scheme, other than those which already apply to the relevant membership category.

Post-Nominal Classifications

Associate Member (AHydSoc)

All paid-up **Student & New Graduate** members are automatically entitled to use the Associate Member of The Hydrographic Society UK post-nominal, **AHydSoc**. There is no need to make a separate application.

After graduating, and subsequently progressing to full Individual membership, holders of the AHydSoc post-nominal will automatically be upgraded to MHydSoc. Following five consecutive, fully paid-up years as an Individual member they will then also be eligible for nomination for Fellowship.

Member (MHydSoc)

All paid-up members of the **Individual** and **Retired** categories are automatically entitled to use the Member of The Hydrographic Society UK post-nominal, **MHydSoc**. There is no need to make a separate application.

Following five consecutive, fully paid-up years in the Individual or Retired categories all members are eligible for nomination for Fellowship.

Fellow (FHydSoc)

After five consecutive, fully paid-up years in the **Individual** or **Retired** categories all members* are eligible for nomination for Fellowship of The Hydrographic Society UK, **FHydSoc**.

For a member to be awarded FHydSoc the members nominating them must demonstrate that the nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of hydrography or an associated discipline, been recognised as a pre-eminent figure within their chosen field, been responsible for a relevant significant development or concept, and/or made a sustained and exceptional contribution to the Society.

Nominations must be submitted using the **Fellowship Nomination Form** (which can be downloaded from the **Fellowship Scheme** page on the Society's website) and, if appropriate, reinforced by supporting documentation and/or evidence.

All nominations **must be proposed** and **seconded** by fully paid-up members of The Hydrographic Society UK who are personally known to the nominee.

* with the exception of serving Directors, Members of the Board and Members of the Fellowship Committee

Nominations

To be eligible for Fellowship and the post-nominal FHydSoc a nominee must have been a **fully paid-up Individual** or **Retired** member of the Society for **at least five consecutive years**.

All nominations must be submitted using the **Fellowship Nomination Form** which can be downloaded at the bottom of the **Fellowship Scheme** page on the Society's website.

Members cannot nominate themselves for Fellowship. Nominations must **proposed** and **seconded** by two other fully-paid up members of the Society who are personally known to the nominee and should, ideally, be made without the knowledge of the nominee.

The **annual closing date** for receipt of nominations and supporting evidence is **31st December**.

All nominations will be subsequently reviewed by the Society's Fellowship Committee. The outcome of this process will be primarily determined by the information supplied on the nomination form and in any accompanying documentation e.g. a short biography, record of publications, details of contributions to research or development, details of relevant consultancy and voluntary work, etc.

Successful candidates will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting the following spring and in the next issue of **soundings** and as well as being notified in person.

Questions

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