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This ACS Webinar is co-produced with ACS Fellows Program
Purpose of this Webinar

This webinar is meant to give information on how ACS Fellows are selected, and guidance on how to write a strong, compelling nomination.

This does not supersede the requirements and instructions outlined in the ACS Fellows Program Guidelines.

Attendance of this webinar does not guarantee that your nominee will be selected as an ACS Fellow.
How many total ACS Fellows have been selected since the inaugural class in 2009?

- 290
- 550
- 780
- 1,180
- 1,270

* If your answer differs greatly from the choices above tell us in the chat!

Background

- The ACS Fellows Program was approved by the ACS Board of Directors in December 2008 “to recognize members of the American Chemical Society for outstanding achievements in and contributions to the Science, the Profession, and the Society.”

- The inaugural class was selected in 2009.

- To date, 1180 Fellows have been selected. The list can be seen at www.acs.org/fellows
Governance

- The ACS Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR) provides governance oversight.

- P&MR appoints two committees:
  - The Oversight Committee provides day-to-day oversight, including the final selection of Fellows. Reports to P&MR.
  - The Selection Committee evaluates and grades the nominations. The Chair serves as the Adjudicator of the selection process.

Selection Criteria

- ACS Fellows are selected based on two criteria.

- Both criteria are weighted equally.

- In the nomination there should be a clear description of the nominee’s excellence and meaningful contributions in both criteria in order to be selected as an ACS Fellow.
Selection Criteria

Scientific/Professional Criterion

Documented excellence and distinction that has significant impact in the science, the profession, education, and/or management. Appropriate activities might include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Outstanding and creative contributions to basic and/or applied scientific research;
• Distinguished accomplishments in the teaching and learning of chemistry;
• Demonstrated leadership or managerial excellence in an organization within the chemical enterprise.

Scientific/Professional Criterion Key Points

• Consider how achievement would be measured in the context of the nominee’s profession (e.g. high school teacher vs. R1 professor vs. industry chemist, technician or manager).
• Quantity is not a replacement for quality. E.g., citing h-index or the number of publications, patents, students taught is not the full story.
ACS Service Criterion

Documented excellence and contributions in volunteer service, based on specific results achieved, in service to ACS and its membership and community. Appropriate activities might include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Outstanding leadership, documented through specific results achieved, of Divisions, Local Sections, International Chapters, Advisory Boards, Regional Boards, national, and/or international meetings;
- Exceptional service in the publication of scientific information not including routine authorship or compensated services as Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, or equivalent positions;
- Organization of especially significant symposia, major presentations, or other programming at national/international meetings;
- Leadership or other outstanding contributions to public outreach activities, such as National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Week;
- Effective communication to the public and policymakers of the value of the chemical sciences or chemical professionals through the press, radio, TV, or other electronic media;
- Exceptional volunteer service with strategic partners that help advance the mission of ACS such as other national or international scientific or chemical associations, committees, roundtables, and conferences.

Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria – appropriate activities examples (continued)
Selection Criteria

ACS Service Criterion – appropriate activities examples (continued)

• Other examples of key qualities for success:
  – Leadership, initiative, creativity
  – Sustained valuable service – not a “one and done” deal
  – Breadth and depth of service
  – Cultivating, mentoring other leaders
  – Partnering with other organizations/groups
  – Community impacts (including communication of science)
  – Wow! factors and things that move the needle

Selection Criteria

ACS Service Criterion Key Points

• Quantity is not a replacement for quality.
  Years of service without demonstrated meaningful contributions is not a convincing argument.

• Service at all levels (national, regional, local) is weighted equally.
  Note: Service to organizations other than ACS may be counted toward strengthening the nomination, but the nominee must also have performed noteworthy service to the ACS. For any service outside ACS, the nominator should communicate the value of such service to ACS and its members.
Selection Criteria

ACS Service Criterion Key Points

• Compensated is not volunteer* (detail to follow).

• Service that is performed as part of one’s normal professional duties, or to further one’s own career or professional standing, is not as compelling as that which is performed for the greater good of ACS and its membership and community.

*Volunteer Service vs. Compensated Positions

The following positions serve as independent contractors to ACS and are compensated for their activities:

**ACS Journals**

• Editor-in-Chief
• Deputy Editor
• Senior Editor
• Associate Editor

The terminology varies by journal, but the above roles are performing similar services.

• Editorial Board members

Note: Editorial Advisory Board members do not receive compensation.
Selection Criteria

• Key nomination areas to document evidence:

Award Citations Section

– These should be concise statements, suitable for publication, about the nominee’s contributions and impact in both criteria. Both citations are required and should be 30 words or less.

– These are the citations that will be read at the award ceremony, should the nomination be successful. They are the only specifics that are seen by ACS members and the public, so writing great citations will help highlight the contributions of the selected ACS Fellows.

http://www.acs.org/acsfellows

Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

Which of the following would be examples of Award Citations?

(select all that apply)

• A) Creating new frameworks and opportunities for effective research partnerships across the triple helix of universities, industry and government
• B) Citing an impressive h-index or a record number of publications, patents, and students taught
• C) Policy and legislation related to the chemical enterprise and promote the value of chemistry to Congress
• D) Successful development of new drugs for the treatment of patients with type 2 diabetes
• E) Women Chemist’s Committee Merck Research Award

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Selection Criteria

Key nomination areas to document evidence:

Examples of Award Citations:

- Recognized for diligent service and outstanding leadership to the science community in creating new frameworks and opportunities for effective research partnerships across the triple helix of universities, industry and government.
- Recognized for unstinting dedication and leadership on numerous ACS committees to better inform policy and legislation related to the chemical enterprise and promote the value of chemistry to Congress.
- Recognized for leadership in and contributions to medicinal chemistry and for drug discovery research leading to the successful development of new drugs for the treatment of patients with type 2 diabetes.
- Recognized for commitment to advancing women in chemistry and for championing initiatives like the WCC Merck Research Award to provide opportunities for and highlight the contributions of talented women chemists.

* A link to other examples can be found in the Fellows Program Guidelines.

Selection Criteria

Key nomination areas to document evidence (cont’d):

Volunteer Service to the ACS Community Section

- There is space for up to six examples. Use this to create a narrative that documents the nominee’s dedication to, and positive impact on the Society and chemistry community.

Contributions to the Science/Profession Section

- Up to six contributions may be entered. Avoid redundancy. Try to convey depth and breadth of the nominee’s professional accomplishments.
Selection Criteria

- Key nomination areas to document evidence (cont’d):
  Nominator Letters
  - Should describe the writer’s personal knowledge of the nominee’s distinctive professional and/or service contributions.
    - Avoid rambling. (max 2 pages, 800 words, no less than 11-point font)
    - Avoid “copy and paste” statements and descriptions.
  - Collectively, should articulate the extent and breadth of the nominee’s commitment and meaningful contributions to the profession and the ACS community.
  - Should be on official letterhead where applicable.

Resources

The following resources are available through the ACS Fellows page, www.acs.org/fellows:

- Eligibility and Selection Criteria
- Nomination Types
- Nomination Form Information
- Nominee Impact Examples
- Program Guidelines
ACS Fellows Program [http://www.acs.org/acsfellows](http://www.acs.org/acsfellows)

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**ACS Fellows ‘How to Webinar’ for Nominators**

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 2020**

200 - 300 PM EST

How are ACS Fellows selected? How can you write a strong, compelling nomination for the award?

Join Lynne Greenblatt, the Chair of the ACS Fellows Program, as she guides you through the nomination process and submit a nomination by April 1st using our online nomination system.

[Webinar Link](http://www.acs.org/acsfellows)

The nomination period for the 2020 Class of ACS Fellows is now open from February 1-April 1, 2020. [Submit a nomination here](https://www.nominatefellow.acs.org/nominatefellow). The winners will be announced in July.

**Nomination Information**

- Eligibility and Selection Criteria
- Nomination Types
- Nomination Form Information
- Nominee Impact Examples
- Program Guidelines 2020 (.pdf)

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**Welcome to the ACS Fellows Online Nomination System**

The online nomination system opens February 1, 2020 for 2020 ACS Fellow nominations. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2020 (11:59 pm PDT).

**Nomination Resources**

- [Program Guidelines](http://www.acs.org/acsfellows): eligibility criteria, nomination process, and general requirements
- [Nomination Checklist](http://www.acs.org/acsfellows): checklist of information and documents needed for a nomination submission
- [Nomination System Instructions](http://www.acs.org/acsfellows): instructions and screenshots to navigate the online system

Visit [www.acs.org/fellows](http://www.acs.org/fellows) for additional resources.

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