

Guidelines for the APS/DFD Fellowship Committee

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Each year the APS/DFD Fellowship Committee selects members for Fellowship, and forwards their names to the APS Fellowship Committee which has final authority. The criteria for Fellowship are contained in the statement (see <http://www.aps.org/fellowship>):

"The APS Fellowship Program was created to recognize members who may have made advances in knowledge through original research and publication or made significant and innovative contributions in the application of physics to science and technology. They may also have made significant contributions to the teaching of physics or service and participation in the activities of the Society."

Based largely on past practices, the Executive Committee of the DFD makes the following suggestion to the Fellowship Committee. It does so while respecting the facts: that Fellowship is bestowed by the Society (not by the Division); that the applicable criteria are those stated above; and that it is the responsibility of the Committee to use its best judgment in proposing fellows based on these criteria.

1. Members of the Committee do not normally nominate candidates for fellowship, but they should actively encourage others to do so. Efforts should be made to encourage nominations in all of the areas of fluid dynamics research and application.
2. There is merit in having a balance between mid-career members selected for fellowship, and late-career members who may have more extensive records.
3. There is merit in having a balance between US and foreign members selected for fellowship.
4. Over several years, fellowships should recognize the broad range of areas involved in fluid dynamics research and application.
5. Other factors which may be considered favorably include attendance at APS meetings and the nominee's being from an under-represented group.
6. Members of the committee should recuse themselves from deliberation or voting on a candidate if they participated in the nomination, if they were the candidate's doctoral or post-doctoral advisor, if the candidate is a colleague in the same institution, or if they have a similar close connection with the candidate. Any conflicts of interest (real or possibly perceived) should be discussed with the committee chair.
7. When the Society confirms the fellowships to be awarded, the chair of the committee should ensure that the successful candidates are notified and encouraged to attend the awards ceremony at the APS/DFD Annual Meeting.