



MAS Fellows Program

Governing Document

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Description

MAS Fellow is a designation that is intended to recognize eminent scientists, engineers, and technologists in the field of microanalysis of materials and related phenomena who have distinguished themselves through outstanding research, teaching, or service to the microanalysis community. This includes, but is not limited to, technique development, theory development, applications, and distinguished service to the society. Election as an MAS Fellow will be highly selective but should represent a broad cross-section of the MAS membership. They are elected by their peers.

Eligibility

- Minimum of ten years MAS membership, except in very special circumstances. This must be documented by a list of at least five MAS or M&M meetings (need not be consecutive) that the candidate has attended
- Current members of the MAS Executive Council (or Fellows Committee, see below) are not eligible for nomination (except in the case of the class of “Inaugural Fellows”)

Rules

- Limit new electees to 0.5% of membership/year (about 2) except for the Inaugural Class
- There will be a Legends Class of up to 25 fellows in 2018 and an Inaugural Class of up to 25 fellows to be inducted at the 2019 M&M meeting
- There is no minimum number of electees each year
- Age is neither a necessary nor sufficient criterion for election
- Election of women, minorities, and other individuals who are under-represented in the profession, across color, race, ethnic, national origin (or any other legally protected basis) is encouraged
- Any individual may nominate only one person for Fellow per each submission deadline
- No self-nominations will be accepted
- Nominations are due December 1 of a given year
- Nominations will be kept on file and considered active for a period of three years



- A new nomination may be submitted even if an active nomination exists, but the most recent nomination only will be considered and the Nominating Sponsor must be the same person in each case.
- Only one nomination of an individual at a time will be considered. If a subsequent nomination of an individual from a different Nominating Sponsor is submitted while there is an active nomination, the first nomination only will be considered while the first is still active unless the first Nominating Sponsor withdraws the first nomination in writing.

Nomination Process

- Fellows will be approved by the MAS Council in the year prior to the M&M meeting and plaques designating election to Fellow will be presented at the M&M meeting following election.
- An online nomination package may be submitted through the website (<https://the-mas.org/awards/mas-fellows/>) and includes the following:
 - A letter of nomination from a sponsor (who must be a current MAS member) describing the nominee's achievements or contributions.
 - Up to two additional supporting letters (do not have to be from current MAS members)
 - Short curriculum vitae of the nominee (two pages only plus list of publications)
 - Suggested citation statement – limited to a maximum of ~30 words.
 - Confirmation that the prospective fellow has been informed of the nomination and is willing to take up the Fellows' responsibilities if elected.
- Nominations (including the Active Nominations on File) will be screened and recommendations for Fellows will be made by the Fellows Committee to MAS Council
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Fellows' Responsibilities

- Fellows shall maintain their membership in the Society as either regular, emeritus, honorary, sustaining, or corporate members
- Fellows shall conduct themselves as an Ambassador of the Society
- Fellows should serve as an expert resource for opinion and commentary for the public as needed
- Fellows should be visible and attract positive attention to the Society

The Fellows Committee

- The Fellows Committee shall consist of:
 - a Chair who is appointed to a three-year term by MAS Council and may serve no more than two consecutive terms
 - four at-large members who each serve a four-year term



- Each at-large committee position shall be appointed by the Fellows Committee Chair to maintain a staggered and rotating four-year cycle of membership
- The initial Committee membership shall be devised to establish the staggered membership as soon as possible
- The Fellows Committee Chair should strive to appoint committee members that maximize its diversity of field of interest, age and gender
- There shall be at least two Fellows on the Fellows Committee (after the third year of the program)
- Fellows Committee members must be regular, emeritus, honorary, sustaining, or corporate members of MAS

Timeline

- October 1 Send out solicitations for Fellows nominations
- December 1 Deadline for nominations submission
- January 15 Submit recommendations to Council
- Winter Council Fellows Committee Chair presents Fellows recommendations to MAS Council
- March 15 Announce 20XX Class of MAS Fellows
- June 1 Prepare award materials including logo
- M&M 20XX Presentation of Fellows Class at Plenary

Recognition Credentials

- A plaque with the MAS logo, name and date of election, and signature of the President of MAS shall be prepared and presented to each Fellow
- Each MAS Fellow shall be authorized and encouraged to use the “MAS Fellow logo” as appropriate.
- An “MAS Fellow” ribbon shall be prepared and delivered for all M&M registration badges for MAS Fellows.