The Pathway to Become a Fellow of the American College of Radiology

Fellowship is one of the most prestigious recognitions available to long-term American College of Radiology (ACR) members. It symbolizes exceptional achievement in the fields of diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, radiation oncology, and/or medical physics. Only 10 percent of College members have been awarded this honor.

Since its inception in 1923, the ACR has granted Fellowship to worthy individuals who have distinguished themselves with significant accomplishments in service, research, and/or teaching. The ACR’s archive of Fellows represents a veritable “Who’s Who” in the annals of radiology history.

Fellowship can be awarded to diagnostic radiologists, radiation oncologists, interventional radiologists, medical physicists, and nuclear medicine physicians.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Service to the ACR at national or chapter level(s) and/or organized radiology/medicine at national, regional, state, or local levels
- Outstanding teaching of diagnostic radiology, interventional radiology, nuclear medicine, radiation oncology, and/or medical physics
- Significant scientific or clinical research in radiology or significant contributions to the literature

**GENERAL YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**

- **10-11 YEARS**
  - EXTRAORDINARY
  - For this level, very strong letters supporting the nominee’s extraordinary accomplishments and credentials are essential.

- **12-14 YEARS**
  - OUTSTANDING
  - Endorsements should be strong, highlighting specific achievements.

- **15-17 YEARS**
  - EXEMPLARY
  - The criteria are more rigorous for those applying at this level compared to those at 18-19 years; endorsements should take this into account.

- **18-19 YEARS**
  - COMMENDABLE
  - Endorsements should address appropriate specific achievements.

- **20+ YEARS**
  - ABOVE AND BEYOND
  - Longstanding record of service and contributions above and beyond daily practice; endorsements should explain how the nominee meets the criteria.

**APPLICATIONS**

Applications are due according to chapter selected deadline. Following a review by chapter officers and the ACR Committee on Fellowship Credentials, recommendations to the Board. The ACR Board of Chancellors selects the candidates and confers the award. Fellowship is awarded at the Annual Meeting convocation.

For guidance and deadlines, review the ACR Fellowship webpage: [www.acr.org/facr](http://www.acr.org/facr)