

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR THE NOMINATION OF ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY HONORARY FELLOW

Who may become an Honorary Fellow (HonFRSC)?

“The Board of Trustees may admit to the Society as an Honorary Fellow any person who is distinguished in the science or profession of chemistry or whom the Board of Trustees may consider it desirable to admit as an Honorary Fellow for any other sufficient reason” (By-law 6).

Candidates will be considered against the following agreed criteria

- Distinguished chemists who have made a significant contribution to the chemical sciences community.
- Distinguished scientists whose work, outside chemistry, has had a significant impact on chemical science.
- Other distinguished persons whose activities have been of significant benefit to the chemical sciences community.

GUIDANCE

Expectations of our Honorary Fellows

In addition to receiving the prestige of being made an HonFRSC, there is an expectation for recipients to:

- Act as advocates and ambassadors for the Royal Society of Chemistry by publicly acknowledging their HonFRSC and actively promoting the vision and work of the Royal Society of Chemistry where appropriate.
- Promote the study, profession, and awareness of the chemical sciences through their own activities as appropriate and by association with the Royal Society of Chemistry send out a clear message about our strategic aims and objectives.
- Actively engage with the Royal Society of Chemistry by attending key events such as the Summer Party and other high-profile events.
- Agree to be ‘profiled’ as an HonFRSC with a view to including this information with the annual call for nominations.

Nominations should fall into one or more of the following characteristic areas:

- **Business leaders**

HonFRSC may be conferred upon individuals whose leadership of a company or other major enterprise has been of significant benefit to the application of chemical science and its general advancement. Such business leaders will be renowned for being entrepreneurial, innovative, and achieving commercial success.

- **Research contribution**

An HonFRSC may have led a distinguished research career (including the application of chemical science, chemistry-based technologies) in academe or industry and made an extraordinary impact on scientific advancement. It may also reward leadership of an international research facility or

service to national advisory bodies. Such contributions should be distinguishable from those provided by our most prestigious prizes and awards, although sustained success in winning prizes and awards need not be a disqualification if the total contribution is highly significant.

- **Welfare of the chemical sciences**

An HonFRSC may have contributed to the benefit and welfare of the chemical sciences through for example:

- Public service, for example a science minister whose work is judged to have been particularly beneficial to the science community; a working peer; an advisor to government; or an external advisor to government, government agencies or international organisations whose work has been particularly beneficial to the chemical sciences.
- Contributions to the welfare and sustainability of the chemical sciences nationally or internationally through outreach, policy development and change, and through connecting and/or leading the chemical science community to provide solutions for societal challenges.
- Furthering the interests of the Royal Society of Chemistry by promoting the Royal Society of Chemistry's charitable object, including its publishing activities, by making exceptional and generous voluntary and non-financial contributions (e.g., personal expertise or time), or someone whose relationship with the Royal Society of Chemistry has been of major public benefit.

A list of current Honorary Fellows can be found at: <http://rsc.li/hon-frsc>

COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

Section (1) – Nominee

Please use one nomination form per nominee. Honorary Fellows can be of any nationality and need not be an existing member of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The Nominations Committee will look primarily at the strength of how the candidate will meet the expectations upon becoming an Honorary Fellow as listed above and review the summary of their achievements. However, it is also helpful for them to see a brief biographical statement and so this should be included in the nomination.

Section (2) – Proposer

Nominees must be proposed by another individual. They may not self-nominate.

Section (3) – Confirmation

Please sign the form to confirm that the details provided are correct. If submitting the nomination by email, please add a scanned signature or type your name.

Please read the data protection statement and the Royal Society of Chemistry's privacy policy at <http://rsc.li/privacy> before submitting the form.

Submitting the nomination

Nominations can be submitted at any time throughout the year. For consideration in 2023 completed nomination forms must be received by **Monday 18 September 2023** to email: secretariat@rsc.org

Feedback

The Nominations Committee who makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees on who should be elected as an Honorary Fellow considers nominations and provides feedback to those that proposed an individual for an award.