American College of Radiology  
Criteria and Procedures for the Award of Honorary Fellowship

1. Honorary Fellows are elected by the Board of Chancellors in recognition of preeminent contributions to the science or practice of radiology by individuals who by virtue of residence, education, profession, or lack of board certification are ineligible for admission as Members of the College in any category other than international.

2. An award “cycle” is defined as the time from the July 1 nomination deadline (initial or renewal) until the distribution of the actual awards and will be named for the award distribution year (e.g. nomination July 1 deadline in 2024 for the 2025 award cycle).

3. Nominations are submitted in writing by a fellow of the College, giving in detail, the nominee’s qualifications for the award, and must be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae or resume (preferably in English). In addition, there must be letters of support for each nominee from at least two College fellows. The primary nominator is responsible for initiating the submission of letters of support. A nominee will be considered posthumously if he/she dies after nomination, submission/completion before the July 1 deadline (year before the award).

4. An individual fellow of the College can act only twice each year as a primary nominator or sponsor, i.e., as primary nominator for one individual and sponsor for another, or in either capacity for no more than two individuals each year. If a candidate is reactivated, a fellow is eligible to write letters of support for new candidate(s) as outlined above.

5. Members on the Committee on Awards and Honors, members on the Board of Chancellors, the Chief Executive Officer and staff of the College are ineligible to act as primary nominators or sponsors nor submit letters of nomination or support. If a letter of support is submitted by a member prior to him/her being appointed to the committee or elected to the BOC, the letter will be accepted as part of the nomination materials.


7. Letters of nomination and sponsorship are to be sent to the Chair of the Committee on Awards and Honors, awardsandhonorscommittee@acr.org, before July 1; the submitted material then being duplicated and sent to the members of the Committee on Awards and Honors.

8. The Committee on Awards and Honors makes its recommendations to the Board of Chancellors. The method of voting and establishing the order of preference is to be determined by the Committee on Awards and Honors.

9. The determination of the award of Honorary Fellow from this list is by vote of the Board of Chancellors at its fall meeting. No more than three such awards may be made each year. However, in any year there may be fewer than three, or even none.

10. If the committee does not recommend a nominee for award of Honorary Fellow, the primary nominator may request that the nomination be renewed for the following cycle, with additional supporting information allowed but not required. Such requests must be received by July 1 following the non-recommendation to be considered for the second cycle.
11. If no request for renewal is made, or the nominee is not recommended for the award on renewed nomination in the second cycle, the candidate is ineligible for nomination for two cycles following their last cycle of nomination (e.g. not recommended for cycle year 2025, candidate is ineligible for cycles 2026 and 2027, but is eligible for cycle 2028 with nomination due by July 1, 2027).

12. The award is to be presented at the ACR Convocation.