

Pathway to become a Fellow of the American College of Radiology

Fellowship is one of the most prestigious recognitions available to long-time 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.

Helpful Hints

Get involved! Volunteer for leadership positions at the local, state chapter and national level. Maintain a list of your research activities, teaching positions, awards, presentations, and/or publications.

Membership Requirement

To apply, you must be a member in good standing of ACR and have at least 10 consecutive years of membership. The 10 consecutive years of membership **need not** immediately precede the application. To verify your years of membership, contact FACRadmin@acr.org.

Application Information

Sections within the application include: Activities/Service (chapter, CARROS, national, hospital); Academic (appointments, presentations, teaching honors, organized medicine); Contributions (publications, research achievements, other recognition); Current CV; Code of Ethics; Endorsements; and Chapter Approval.

To help you gauge the expectations within each section/domain, suggested involvement activities are cross-referenced with years of ACR membership. Please see the [Nomination Criteria](#) Chart for guidance. Military members should reference the corresponding service branch [Military Nomination Criteria](#) Chart.

- **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 or More Years: Above and Beyond**
Longstanding record of service and contributions above and beyond daily practice; endorsements should explain how the nominee meets the criteria.

The application must include a current CV; lists of presentations and publications; any academic appointments; organized medicine involvement; any research contributions; awards; disclosure of any disciplinary actions.

Up to 4 endorsement letters need to be submitted on the applicant's behalf. The letters must be written by a current Fellow with only one letter sent from an individual in practice with the applicant.

As you move through the application process, pay close attention to your chapter's application [deadline](#). Chapters have the right to refuse consideration of late applications. ACR does not override the Chapter's decision.

Active duty military members are not required to join state chapters. For this reason, military members submit their application directly to the Committee on Fellowship Credentials. The deadline for submission of military applications is June 30.

Outline of Application Process

- Complete FACR online application
- Request and receive up to 4 endorsement letters from current Fellows
- Submit application to chapter by chapter deadline
- Chapter reviews application
 - If candidate is approved by chapter, the application is forwarded to CFC for consideration
 - If candidate is not approved, chapter sends notification to applicant
- Committee on Fellowship Credentials (CFC) considers applicant
 - CFC makes recommendation to APPROVE, APPROVE but DEFER 1, 2, or 3 years, or NOT APPROVE
 - All CFC decisions are presented to the ACR Board of Chancellors for final approval at the fall board meeting
- Applicants and Chapters notified of decisions after BOC meeting

Convocation Details

The FACR honor is conferred on an individual only through participation at the convocation held during ACR's annual meeting. An individual has three years to participate in a convocation ceremony before losing FACR eligibility.

ACR staff sends the following information to candidates approved to participate in the next Convocation:

- Acceptance letters and Fellowship Pledge
- Annual Meeting registration information
- Cap and Gown order information
- Certificate confirmation
- New Fellow breakfast and President's reception details
- Robing and photography information

Questions?

Please contact FACRadmin@acr.org