

Guidance for applicants for RMetS fellowship

Anyone who is interested or involved in meteorology or associated sciences can join the Royal Meteorological Society (RMetS). Our worldwide membership is made up of professionals and academics, students and teachers, enthusiasts and observers. Fellowship to the RMetS is open to anyone who satisfies the following two requirements.

Requirement 1. Has a formal academic qualification involving meteorology, or a vocational qualification in meteorology, or long involvement in a variety of meteorological activities at a professional level or as an amateur enthusiast.

Requirement 2. Makes substantial contributions to promoting meteorology as a science, profession or interest.

To provide clarity to what are considered to be "substantial contributions", the following set of criteria will be used. At least one of these criteria must be satisfied to demonstrate that the second requirement has been met.

- **Professional work.** Held a position of responsibility that makes substantial use of meteorological knowledge, understanding, skills and information in the provision of services or in policy, planning and decision-making.
- **Research and development.** Advanced the science or applications of meteorology through original research and development.
- **Teaching.** Established reputation for effective teaching of meteorology at a university or training institution.
- **Publications.** Produced publications of merit that disseminate advances in meteorological knowledge.
- **Innovation.** Been responsible for important technological innovations associated with meteorology.
- **Business activities.** Demonstrated leadership in the provision and development of meteorological services.
- **Public education and outreach.** Taken a leading role in the public education and outreach associated with meteorology.
- **Service to the RMetS.** Made a significant and sustained contribution to the activities of the Royal Meteorological Society.
- **Observing.** Maintained a weather station to national standards, and made, analysed, shared and used own observations over a long period.
- **Promotion of meteorology.** Promoted meteorology as a science, profession or interest over a sustained period in ways not covered by any of the above categories.

These criteria are intended to be of relevance to members with widely varying backgrounds and experiences.

When making an application for fellowship it is necessary to explain how you satisfy the two requirements. As part of the application process, it is also necessary for you to:

1. Provide details of two referees, at least one of whom should be an existing fellow of RMetS. If you do not know a fellow who could be a referee, it is recommended that you seek advice from the RMetS Chief Executive.
2. Confirm that you (a) agree to comply with the Code of Conduct, (b) are willing to be governed by the Charter and By Laws of the RMetS and to advance the objectives of the RMetS, and (c) agree to the terms and conditions of the Privacy Policy.

When making an application for fellowship, it is important to keep the following in mind.

- People who do not have a professional interest in meteorology, but satisfy the requirements are encouraged to apply for fellowship.
- Fellowship is available to those based in either the UK or overseas.
- It is not necessary to already be a member of the RMetS before applying to become a fellow.
- Though becoming a fellow is a one-off event, as part of the Code of Conduct there is a requirement to endeavour to keep abreast of relevant scientific and technical developments, and strive to improve their meteorological knowledge and competencies.
- The role of the referees is to give their views about whether you satisfy the two requirements for fellowship, and verify that you satisfy the chosen criteria.
- There is a Fellowship Committee appointed by Council that makes decisions about the awarding of fellowship.

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