



ACS FELLOWS NOMINATION GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Important:

The following information is pertinent to the evaluation and scoring of a Nomination.

General Information:

A Fellow of the Australian Computer Society is a person who has made a distinguished contribution to the field of information technology and/or in the field of information technology management within Australia and elsewhere.

Distinguished contribution means a notable, recognised and positive influence within the information technology and/or in the field of information technology management, above and beyond normal expectations.

The following guidance is offered as an example of the form that this influence might take, with a nominee being able to claim a distinguished contribution in one or more of these areas:

- Contribution to the field of information technology and/or information technology management at a national and/or international level going above and beyond what is normally expected from a person in his/her position.
- Deep understanding of the particular industry and emerging technologies and implications for business/academia
- Wide recognition as a leader within industry/academia
- Leadership position on strategic development within organisations in positions critical to organisational success.
- Leadership position in an area of specialisation (demonstrated by qualification, research, publications)
- Deep understanding of advanced educational programs and delivery mechanisms to develop professionals.



- Significant contribution to the profession at a national and international level.
- Significant contribution to government policy in an area of specialisation.

Some illustrative examples where distinguished contribution above and beyond normal expectations may be claimed are:

- Built a successful business that won an international reputation in an emerging or leading-edge area or application of IT.
- Invented a wholly new ICT product or service (including algorithms, theories, processes, and methodologies) that addresses key issues in society at the time
- Been the leader of a team of ICT professionals that created/instilled a new, effective way of delivering IT services to an organisation (e.g. ITIL, COBIT, etc.) as a personal initiative.
- Took over a failing project that was mission critical and delivered it successfully
- Transformed the IT infrastructure (or development environment, or service management process) in the organisation
- Successfully transitioned the whole IT workforce of the organisation to outsourcing or insourcing
- Represented the profession on national or international professional committees, working groups, taskforces and standards bodies for a sustained period.
- Represented the industry or profession on governmental committees, advisory forums, and working groups for a sustained period.
- Recognised as a spokesperson for (aspects of) the IT industry or profession through (social) media channels for a sustained period.
- Developed a new service or product that benefits the community or community organisations, schools, and individuals for free.



- Voluntarily coordinated/lead delivery of IT services or projects to aid communities in response to disasters or other exigencies.
- Voluntarily provided mentorship or other nurturing guidance to people who are not IT practitioners about IT matters for a sustained period (more than 24 months)

The nominee must also:

- be a financial Member of the Society; AND
- have a minimum of eight years practical experience in the art and practice of information technology (excluding time spent as an undergraduate student) of which at least five must have been in a position/s from which the actions of the nominee have resulted in outcomes which can be seen to support the 'distinguished contribution' AND satisfy at least one of the following:
 - be a resident in Australia or one of its Territories; OR
 - be an Australian citizen; OR
 - have spent not less than five years in Australia actively engaged in the art and practice of information technology, or in the direction, teaching or training of persons in the art and practice of information technology.

Service to the ACS does not constitute a principal qualification for election to Fellow. Such service may supplement an individual's technical or leadership accomplishments. If service to ACS forms the main basis of the nomination, it may be more appropriate to consider the nominee for a Honorary Life Membership.

The Nomination form requires a "Citation" to be written describing the candidate's outstanding technical and/or leadership accomplishments.

The Citation should succinctly describe the unique, significant, and innovative technical accomplishment(s) of the nominee and/or the outstanding effect of their contribution to the field of information technology in the order of 100 words and not exceed 150 words. The Citation is the foundation for the entire Nomination and forms the basis for assessment. The accomplishments mentioned in the Citation must be elaborated, supported and confirmed by the



information stated by the references in the support letters and the other portions of the completed nomination form.

Nominations and referee reports should be clear about the contribution and provide sufficient evidence to allow a decision to be made.

As a guide the information provided should cover:

- In what role and/ or area has the nominee excelled?
- How has the nominee demonstrated a contribution worthy of recognition?
- How has the nominee's contribution impacted on the field of information technology and/or information technology management?
- Over what period has the nominee made the major contribution?
- Has the nominee's contribution been recognised elsewhere (e.g in the media or by other awards)?
- With reference to the ACS Fellows Nomination Guidelines, what makes this person's contribution a distinguished contribution to the field of information technology and/or information technology management?

The decision for admittance as a Fellow will be based on evidence of a distinguished contribution to the field of information technology and/or information technology management above and beyond normal expectations.

Sufficiency of the distinguished contribution will be determined initially by the Branch Fellows Committee and following that by the Branch Executive Committee and the Management Committee, if the nomination reaches the respective stages.