



## **AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY: FELLOW MENTOR PROGRAM**

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The membership grade of Fellow is considered the highest level of membership of the American Nuclear Society (ANS). As such, the rank of Fellow is only awarded to ANS members who have exhibited outstanding professional achievement in various scientific or technical fields. The ANS Honors and Awards (H&A) committee and the Board of Directors (BOD) understand how challenging the Fellow nomination process can be and recognize the need for better guidance. This realization has led to the creation of the ANS Fellow Mentor program.

The purpose of the ANS Fellow Mentor program is for current ANS Fellows to provide valuable insight and helpful resources to principal sponsors as they are assembling potential Fellow nomination packages. Current Fellows who have volunteered to serve as mentors will be paired with a principal sponsor to answer questions and offer guidance on the Fellow nomination process. Fellow mentors are to serve as a resource only and are not expected to help solicit support letters or write support letters for the potential nominee.

Due to the large number of interested Fellows, mentors will serve on a rotating basis to limit the workload of this volunteer position. Requests for mentorship should be sent by the principal sponsor to the ANS H&A staff liaison ([honors@ans.org](mailto:honors@ans.org)) who will pair each principal sponsor with a mentor.

#### Examples of how a Fellow mentor can help a principal sponsor:

1. Review a potential Fellow nominee's resume to determine whether or not the Fellow award is appropriate to pursue based on their technical and professional accomplishments.  
  
(To enquire about nominee eligibility and the membership status of principal sponsors and supporting sponsors, please email [honors@ans.org](mailto:honors@ans.org))
2. Answer questions about the Fellow nomination form and criteria that should or should not be included.
3. Provide helpful insights on how to best highlight a nominee's accomplishments.
4. Help with selection of supporting sponsors based on their knowledge of the nominee and geographical diversity.
5. General availability to answer Fellow nomination questions and advise on the process.
6. Help the principal sponsor understand H&A committee and BOD feedback in the case of an unsuccessful Fellow nomination.