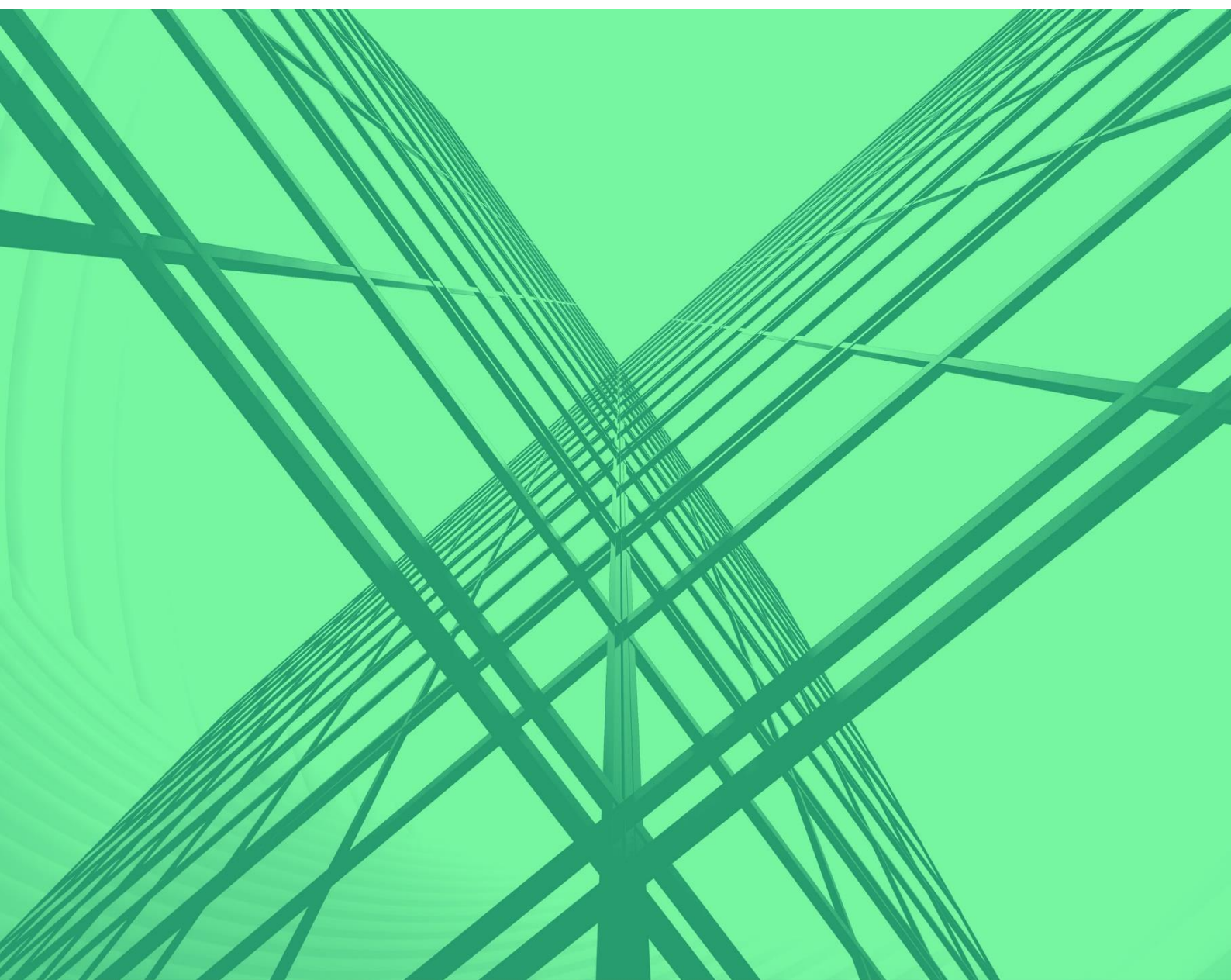


# Fellowship

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Recognition of excellence in structural engineering achievement and contribution to the engineering profession.

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## *“Fellowship is the ultimate recognition of your achievements in structural engineering, and of your contribution to the structural engineering profession”*

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FIStructE is the highest grade of membership within the Institution and is awarded to Members who have demonstrated significant individual responsibility, sustained achievement and professionalism during their career.

#### **Professional recognition**

Fellowship shows that you have earned the recognition by your peers of your achievements. It recognises excellence in structural engineering and contribution to the structural engineering profession.

#### **Ability to share your professional expertise with others**

As a Fellow, you are a leader in your profession and the sustained level of commitment that you have demonstrated can assist in:

- ▶ Developing new technologies
- ▶ Meeting new environmental challenges
- ▶ Enhancing the visibility and scope of the profession
- ▶ Encouraging and inspiring younger structural engineers

#### **Increased visibility**

You receive enhanced visibility by having your name highlighted in the membership directory and the distinction of the designation ‘FIStructE’. You will also receive a special invitation to attend a ceremony to be presented with your certificate.

#### **Improved status of your organisation**

Your organisation will benefit by showing that it employs professionals of the highest quality. There is an implicit advantage to organisations that can prove their employees have been recognised through their achievements and experience.

#### **To be considered, you must demonstrate the following qualities and attributes:**

- be engaged in the profession of structural engineering.
- have at least five years of senior professional experience.
- have satisfied the Institutions’ Chartered Membership Professional Review requirements and hold Chartered Member status (MIStructE) or be an Associate member (AIStructE).

# How to apply

## Submission

We will need:

▶ [Form F](#)

▶ **Comprehensive Statement** (1000 – 1500 words)

You need to choose 5 most significant achievements which highlight where you feel you have excelled and that can demonstrate;

- Your leadership or level of seniority.
- A significant commitment and contribution to the development of structural engineering.
- Personal responsibility for projects and staff.

(Please refer to the qualities and attributes as appropriate for further guidance.)

Your statement should be personal and positive. The reviewers are only interested in what you have done and as such you should try to avoid generic statements about how the company operates or what the company has achieved.

▶ **Evidence of your CPD**

This should be your completed CPD Activity Records for each of the previous five years outlining your CPD activities undertaken. They must demonstrate that you have met the Institutions' CPD requirements.

▶ **CV**

This should include details of your employment history and can include your roles and personal responsibilities, the scale of your operations and team sizes.

▶ **Organisational chart** (excluding sole practitioners/contractors)

This should provide an indication of your current position within your organisation, who you report to and who you are responsible for.

▶ **Supporters**

You will be required to obtain the support of two Fellows - one of whom can be a Fellow from another Professional Engineering Institution or Organisation. Your supporters will be asked to complete a Supporter Questionnaire in respect of your application.

▶ **Application fee** (this will be requested after you have submitted your application)

## Assessment by the Applications and Professional Review Panel (A&PR)

Once your application is fully complete, the A&PR Panel will assess your submission and decide whether to recommend you for transfer to Fellowship or whether an interview is required, upon which further documentation may be requested.

### Interview (if required)

If an interview is required at the request of the Panel, the interview will:

- ▶ be conducted by two Fellows of the Institution from your regional group.
- ▶ begin with a 15-minute presentation based on your experience.
- ▶ followed by a 45 to 60-minute discussion relating to your experience and achievements within the profession. Particular reference will be made to your comprehensive statement where specific focus will be on how you can demonstrate your leadership or seniority and contribution to structural engineering through your five most significant achievements.
- ▶ upon completion, the reviewers will not be able to discuss the outcome of your interview but will provide their recommendations to the A&PR panel.

## Transfer/Election to Fellowship

If the Panel has recommended that you be transferred/elected to Fellowship, you will be notified of this result and the recommendation will be presented to the Membership Committee, who will formally approve your transfer/election to FIStructE.

### **There are several ways which you can demonstrate significant contribution, commitment and leadership in the field of Structural Engineering, such as:**

- ▶ Demonstrating an increasing level of responsibility for the practice of structural engineering including significant personal involvement in the technical aspects of increasingly challenging projects or demonstrate an acknowledged expertise in a technical subject area.
- ▶ Having held / hold a significant or influential role as a designer for a major project or project of national or international significance whether by virtue of its strategic nature or its use of innovative techniques.
- ▶ Having taken a significant role in the design (or construction) of technically complex and innovative works.
- ▶ Having made a significant personal contribution to research in structural engineering and/or the teaching of structural engineering.
- ▶ Having a significant role in the development or delivery of engineering education and training.
- ▶ Having made a major contribution to the promotion, management or administration of the structural engineering profession either through the Institution or similar body.
- ▶ Being able to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills in your ability to select, motivate and inspire people in their organisation.
- ▶ Having organisational responsibility for the performance of a significant portfolio of projects including financial outcomes.
- ▶ Having played a leading role in the conception and development of new systems or techniques that have advanced the science or practice of structural engineering.

**N.B. The above examples are for guidance only and are not intended to be exhaustive or prescriptive.**

## Preliminary application

Should you wish to make a preliminary application to test the strength of your application, you will not need to acquire the supporter endorsements or pay the application fee at this time, you will only have to submit:

- ▶ **Form E** (leave section 2, 3 and 7 blank)
- ▶ **Evidence of your CPD over the previous five years using the CPD Activity Record**
- ▶ **CV**
- ▶ **Organisational chart** (except sole practitioners/contractors)

The A&PR Panel will then review your submission and provide feedback. A preliminary application is not a guarantee of being transferred to Fellow following submission of a full application.

## Other routes to Fellowship

If you currently hold the grade of **FICE** through the Institution of Civil Engineers and **MIStructE** or **AIStructE** through the Institution of Structural Engineers, you may be able to apply via the recognition route.

If this is the case, we will need:

- ▶ **Form F/MRA**
- ▶ **Report on your contribution to Structural Engineering and a commitment to CPD** (500 – 1000 words)
- ▶ **Detailed CV**
- ▶ **FICE certificate**
- ▶ **Letter of good standing** from the Institution of Civil Engineers stating that the standard route to Fellow was followed

Once we have contacted your supporters, and received their responses to our questionnaire, the A&PR Panel will assess your submission and decide whether to recommend you for transfer/election to Fellowship or whether and interview is required, upon which further documentation may be requested.