

OSA FELLOW NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

Fellow nominations may be mailed, faxed or emailed to OSA. Send to:

OSA Awards Office
2010 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036-1012, USA
Fax: 1.202.416.6134 (attn: Belinda)
E-mail: awards@osa.org

OSA bylaws specify that: "Any regular member who has served with distinction in the advancement of optics is eligible for transfer to the class of fellow." Fellow members are limited to no more than 10% of the OSA membership and the number elected each year is limited to 0.4% of the current membership.

Only OSA Fellows can submit a Fellow nomination.

As far as possible, Fellows are encouraged to nominate colleagues from outside their own institution. In any case, the nominator should ensure broad consensus of support for their nominee by soliciting letters of recommendation from outside the nominee's institution.

Please fill out the nomination form and send to OSA, enclosing documentation on the nominee or the nominee's vita and publications list. The material submitted by the nominator **may not exceed 10 pages in length** (in legible font, single-sided, on regular paper). The 10-page limit does not include the reference letters.

The minimum number of reference letters is three and the maximum number of reference letters accepted is five. The three to five references should be listed on your nomination form and each should complete a Fellow Reference form to be sent under separate cover to OSA by June 15. At least one of the references must be a current OSA Fellow and only one may be from the same institution as the nominee.

Nominations are reviewed each summer by the Fellow Members Committee and approved by the OSA Board of Directors at its fall meeting. Elected Fellows are notified in November, with a blind copy of the letter sent to the nominator.

For nominees not selected, notification is sent to the nominator (not the nominee). If a nomination is not selected, it can be considered twice more. However, the nominator will need to submit an updated vita and publications list by June 15 of the next year. After review by three committees, a nomination is retired.

The Fellow Members committee considers the following criteria when evaluating nominations; no individual is expected to meet all of them:

- Record of significant publications related to optics
- Record of significant patents related to optics
- Presentation of invited papers at OSA meetings
- Substantial service to OSA and/or the optics and photonics community
- An outstanding optics/photonics invention
- Remarkable achievements in optics or photonics
- Development of a new instrument of broadbase use to the optics community

- Use of creative reproduction and manufacturing approaches or development resulting in the widespread adoption of a specific instrument or measurement technique
- Distinguished record of consistent (but not necessarily breakthrough) engineering-oriented ideas or improvements
- Creation of outstanding software
- Outstanding management ability

Each nomination will be evaluated with emphasis on three specific areas (below). Nominators and references are advised to highlight the nominee's contributions in the area of Professional Achievement and Service.

1. Professional Achievement (Publications, Patents, Inventions, etc.)
2. Service to OSA and/or Global Optics & Photonics Community, or Impact on the Community
3. Strength of the three to five reference letters

Under Item C, nominators should identify which one of OSA Technical Divisions best fits the nominee's work. See <http://www.osa.org/join/techgroups/> for a listing of the technical groups under each Division.

In an effort to accurately assess nominees in the context of their achievements, nominators will select the one category (under Item D) that best defines the nominee's significant contributions. The referees should be informed which category you select. The Fellow Members Committee will score the nomination with an emphasis on the identified category.

Attachment

Please provide documentation with the following information on the nominee. The supporting material submitted by the nominator is limited to 10 pages in length (not including the reference letters), single-sided, in legible type. The nominee's vita and publications/patents list may serve for this requirement if it does not exceed 10 pages.

- Professional recognition (honors, field of study, degrees awarded, patents awarded)
- Employment history (list employer, position, and dates)
- Publications and patents (list significant work, publications, and patents to support this nomination)
- Areas of professional specialization (list specific optical science and/or engineering professional accomplishments and contributions meriting election to fellowship)
- Principal professional society memberships and activities (indicate membership grade, contributions to the work of the society, important offices held, and committee activities)
- Other noteworthy accomplishments in science, engineering, and public service—service to OSA, scientific societies, boards, committees, consultantships (include dates)



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Nominee Information

A) Contact Information

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Street address: _____

P.O. Box/Mail Stop: _____

City/ State /Zip: _____

Province /Country /Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

B) Nominee's gender: _____

C) The nominator must indicate which one OSA Technical Division fits the nominee's body of work best:

- _____ 1. Bio-Medical Optics Division
- _____ 2. Fabrication, Design and Instrumentation Division
- _____ 3. Information Acquisition, Processing and Display Division
- _____ 4. Optical Interaction Science Division
- _____ 5. Photonics and Opto-Electronics Division
- _____ 6. Vision and Color Division

D) Select one category that best defines the nominee's significant contributions

- _____ 1. Application Engineer/Practitioner
- _____ 2. Educator
- _____ 3. Research Engineer/Scientist
- _____ 4. Technical Leader
- _____ 5. Volunteer/Professional Service

E) Proposed citation (summarize nominee's contributions in no more than 20 words):

References

F) List the individuals who have already agreed to complete a Fellow Reference Form for the candidate. References should submit their material directly to OSA. Referees should be told the category of the nominee under item D above.

A minimum of three referees is required; and a maximum of five will be accepted. One of the referees must be an OSA fellow and referees from different institutions are preferred.

Name 1: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Name 2: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name 3: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name 4: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name 5: _____

Affiliation: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

G) Name: _____ OSA Member No.: _____

Institution: _____

Street address: _____

P.O. Box/Mail Stop: _____

City/ State /Zip: _____

Province /Country /Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature/Date: _____

Return this nomination form with supporting materials to:

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ONLY COMPLETED NOMINATIONS (INCLUDING REFERENCES)
RECEIVED AT OSA BY JUNE 15 WILL BE CONSIDERED.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTATION ON THE NOMINEE.