

Introduction to BCS Fellowship

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What is a BCS Fellow?

A leader

They have authority and influence over the direction of travel. They inspire and motivate others to achieve a common goal and have a positive impact upon the IT profession.

An influencer

They use their publicly recognised career achievements and/or status to instigate change in how others understand, perceive, and engage with IT and the IT profession.

Impactful

They have had a significant and measurable effect upon those who use, are affected by or have a vested interest in technology.





What does a BCS Fellow do?

"Helps make IT good for society"





"As a Cyber Professional I have volunteered to help create new and update existing Cyber exams".

"I am an active member of the AI Committee since 2018 and have acted as a speaker at dedicated events. I am also a chair of my local branch and mentor 6-8 members per year, several of which have been promoted consequently".

"I work as an independent End Point Assessor for UK Cyber Security I have contributed to national syllabus development for Cybercrime Forensics. I also work part time as an examiner".

"I have established a community for black women aspiring to be IT professionals, I mentor, support and seek out opportunities for them to succeed in this space. I also work with large corporations in helping them understanding the importance of diversity in the workplace".





Being a fellow of the BCS is all about giving back, whether through thought leadership to influence and help shape the digital world or by helping nurture the next generation of IT digital professionals.

Rubi Kaur FBCS
Chief Enterprise Architect

Who can be a BCS Fellow?

Anyone that can demonstrate:

- leadership skills
- impact and influence within the scope of the IT profession
- 5 years' experience in an IT related role



Why become a BCS Fellow?

To lead, inspire, influence and impact others

To give back to the industry that has given to you

To be a beacon for others to follow and learn from

Meet and connect with like-minded people

For self-benefit/promotion and open new opportunities

Help Make IT good for society



BCS Fellowship gives credibility to me and the role I provide into big multinational organisations....

It provides you with a welcome forum to discuss issues, ideas and approaches with people who understand the pressures of technology accountability.

It's...an impartial setting for non-commercial networking, problem solving and conversation.



Joe Dolan FBCS

Head of Network and Information Systems
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What do you need to apply?

- One supporter (referee)
- CV or LinkedIn profile
- Application form



Fellow criteria

Body of work

- Invention and innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Responsibility
- Research
- Skills development
- Consultancy

Professional impact

- Inspiring others
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- (Inter)national policy making
- Diversity and inclusion
- Mentoring and coaching
- Sustainability social or environmental
- Outreach

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Standing in the community

- Awards
- Governance
- Public influencer
- Assessor

1 criterion from here

Supporter (referee)



BCS Fellow



Fellow of another membership body



Work-related

- A previous or current colleague or client
- Working at a similar level as you or above



Known for **3+ consecutive months**

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Professional understanding of one or more of your achievements



Fellows of the Future programme

Module 1

- How does a Fellow "make IT good for society"?
- Identifying where you've demonstrated leadership, impact and influence in your career.
- Is BCS Fellowship right for you?

17th November

Module 2

- Matching your experience to the Fellowship criteria
- What is "measurable impact"?

15th December

Module 3

- 'What I've done' vs 'the impact I've had'.
- How to clearly relay your experience and impact.
- How to weave in evidence of leadership and influence.

12th January



Questions