

Fellows of The African Academy of Sciences

Nominating a Candidate for The AAS Fellowship

The African Academy of Sciences accepts nominations for Fellows in the first half of each year. A nomination call is sent out to all The AAS Fellows and Associate Fellows. A notification also goes out to non-Fellows informing them of the open call. Only current AAS Fellows and Associate Fellows can submit nominations. Self nomination is not accepted but as indicated below, interested individuals may request a Fellow or Associate Fellow of AAS to nominate them. The call remains open for two months.

The AAS reiterates its goal to admit more women into the Fellowship. All Fellows are expected to nominate at least one woman and women Fellows are highly encouraged to nominate two women.

Nominations are submitted on the AAS Ishango Online System. The nomination process is as follows:

Fellow and Associate Fellow

1. Fellows and Associate Fellows identify candidates to nominate to The AAS Fellowship under any of the categories. The Nominee must be informed and willing to be nominated by a Fellow/Associate Fellow of The AAS. Alternatively, interested individuals may approach an AAS Fellow/Associate Fellow to nominate them. Profiles of Fellows are available on The AAS website and interested candidates may contact the secretariat to put them in touch with Fellows who can nominate them. In instances where interested individuals request Fellows to nominate them, the individuals must provide the Fellow/Associate Fellow with all necessary information that will enable the Fellow/Associate Fellow to make an informed decision on the individual's eligibility for nomination.
2. Each nomination must also be seconded by a Fellow/Associate Fellow of The AAS. The Nominator will identify another Fellow/Associate Fellow to second the nomination.
3. Nomination across disciplines is accepted i.e. the Nominator and the Secunder do not necessarily have to be in the same or allied field as the Nominee.
4. The Nominator submits the Nominee's dossier on-line on the AAS Ishango Online System. The dossier consists of:
 - a. A completed AAS Fellows Nomination Form endorsed by the Nominator, Secunder and Nominee
 - b. Updated Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee
 - c. Five (5) soft copies of the Nominee's best Publications.
 - d. Letters from three of the Nominee's referees.
5. The full dossier together with the referees' reports is sent to the respective AAS Membership Advisory Committee (MAC) for evaluation. There are 10 MACs each representing one of The AAS scientific clusters of disciplines. Nominees are evaluated based on their scientific excellence, leadership and citizenship using various indicators such as publications, authorship, patents, commitment to advancing science in Africa, mentorship roles, recognition by peers, science advocacy, positions held and responsibilities, innovations, contribution to policy.
6. The MAC recommendations will be submitted to the secretariat usually by 30 August. Consensus building exchanges will then take place over four weeks.
7. After this the profiles of Nominees who have been recommended by the MAC for fellowship are circulated to The AAS Fellows to vote in new members.
8. The AAS Governance and Nominations Sub-committee of the GC will thereafter review the MAC evaluation and Fellows' votes and submit the recommendation to the GC which will elect Nominees to The AAS Fellowship.
9. The outcome of the review process is relayed by the end of the year. All Nominees and their Nominators and Seconders receive information on whether their nominations were successful or not. Candidates who receive positive evaluation during the first review stage but do not pass the final stages for election into Fellowship will have their nominations active for three (3) consecutive years during which time they will be re-considered for review each subsequent year. They can update their CVs. The nominators and nominees for whom this is applicable will be informed of this in the outcome

letter. If still unsuccessful after the three years, a fresh nomination will have to be submitted. Other unsuccessful candidates will have to be re-nominated.

10. Newly elected members are inducted at a ceremony during The AAS General Assembly.

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4.2 Honorary Fellow

Under this category of fellowship, a candidate shall be nominated by a minimum of three Fellows and/or Associate Fellows and the nomination shall be reviewed and the Nominee elected directly by the Governing Council after review by the Governance and Nominations sub-committee.