

BCS Fellowship (FBCS)

Guidance for applicants



Thank you for considering applying to become a Fellow of the BCS.

This guidance is designed to help you prepare a strong application for Fellowship.

It explains what assessors are looking for and how to make your application stand out.

The application has four steps:

1. About the applicant
2. Applicant supporters
3. Evidence
4. Declaration



About the applicant

This section will automatically populate with information already held in your membership record.

Any fields displayed in grey cannot be edited within the application form; to update these, you will need to amend your membership record directly. [Click here to log in to your online membership account.](#)

You can also view our walk-through videos to assist with this process:

- [How to login and access your benefits](#)
- [Update your profile and manage your membership](#)

You will then be asked to provide the following details:

- GMC number - if applicable
- Year of appointment to consultant grade
- Current hospital trust - if applicable
- Primary sub-specialty
- Social media handles (for inclusion in the Fellows Directory, if desired)
- Membership category



Applicant supporters

In this section, you will be required to upload evidence of support for your application.

- **Ordinary or Emeritus Members:** must provide evidence of support from two BCS Ordinary Members, along with a letter of support from your employer
- **International Members:** must provide a letter of support from either your national cardiac society, or an individual holding either FBCS, FESC or FACC.



Please note: support letters CANNOT be written by members also seeking Fellowship in the same year.

Evidence

You'll need to write about at least two out of the four areas, with a maximum of 1,000 words in total. Use specific examples, show measurable impact, and present your achievements clearly. You should provide evidence in at least two of the four areas, with assessors considering overall strength, impact and breadth.

1. Excellence in Clinical Practice

Show how you deliver high-quality, patient-centred care and contribute to clinical services. You could include:

- Examples of excellent patient outcomes, supported by data or feedback
- Work improving local pathways, policies, or guidelines
- The scope of your practice (e.g. subspecialty skills, tertiary care, advance interventions etc)
- Involvement in MDTs, service development, or quality improvement projects with clear results
- Use of clinical guidelines, governance, and safety processes
- Reflections on learning and how it improved your practice.

2. Excellence in Education and Training

Highlight your role in teaching and developing others. You could include:

- Relevant qualifications or training (e.g. PGCert MedEd, supervisor or simulation training)
- Evidence of your own ongoing learning
- Mentoring, supervision, coaching, or appraisals for colleagues and trainees
- Leadership roles in training (e.g. TPD or equivalent)
- Designing or delivering courses, workshops or teaching sessions
- Work in educational research or innovation

3. Research and Innovation

Show how you contribute to advancing cardiology. You could include:

- Involvement in research (e.g. trial recruitment, safety committees, PI roles etc)
- Publications, presentations, or prizes
- Innovations such as new treatments, technologies, or care pathways
- Evidence or impact - how your research or innovation has influenced practice or the wider field.

4. Excellence in Clinical Leadership

Demonstrate leadership at local, regional, or national level. You could include:

- Local roles (e.g. Site Lead, Clinical Director)
- Regional roles (e.g. Cardiac Network Lead)
- National roles (e.g. Advisory Committee or Reference Group member)
- Officer, committee, or chair positions in professional societies
- Contributions to national or international guidelines (e.g. NICE, ESC)

Final tips

- Be concise and specific - quality over quantity
- Use examples with measurable outcomes
- Show impact - explain what you did and why it mattered
- Avoid unnecessary jargon
- Keep strictly within the 1000-word limit.



Please note all applications will be assessed using transparent and consistent criteria to ensure fairness and equity for all candidates.

Each application will be reviewed on its individual merits, with consideration given to the breadth of professional achievements, contributions, and impact.

The evaluation process will also take into account contextual factors such as career breaks, non-traditional career trajectories, and international variations in practice, to ensure that applicants are not disadvantaged by circumstances outside their control.

A points-based system will be used to provide transparency in the awarding process; however, this may be reviewed again in the future at the discretion of the BCS Operational Executive.

Good luck with your FBCS application!

