

Overview of Information Required for an AVS Fellow Nomination

The AVS Award nominations are now submitted using a web based system that can be found at: <https://avs.awardsplatform.com/>The required information and nomination questions for a **Fellow** nomination are listed below to enable the nomination material to be assembled offline in preparation to entry into the web system.

Tips on How to Craft an Effective Nomination and Strong Support Letters

The online forms serve as a guide to the type and amount of information the Award Committee needs to see to evaluate nominees. However, each nominee has their own story and impact. It is the challenge of the nominators to tell the critical story within the context of the questions and nomination sections described for each award. It is useful to tell the story, not just present a bunch of facts. Tell about the impact: help the Award Committee to know the candidate, his/her accomplishments, and his/her impact. Tips on how to craft an effective nomination and strong support letter can be found [HERE](#)

Purpose

This membership level designated "Fellow of the Society" is to recognize Platinum members who have made sustained and outstanding technical contributions in areas of interest to AVS.

Eligibility

The nominee must have made sustained and outstanding scientific and technical contributions in research, engineering, technical advancement, academic education, or managerial leadership for at 10 years. **Five (5) years consecutive AVS Platinum membership immediately prior to the nomination is required. The clock resets during membership lapses.** This is a prestigious membership level to which Platinum members are elected; therefore the membership percentage cannot exceed 0.5% in any calendar year.

The candidate for Fellow, the nominating sponsor and the three sponsors MUST BE CURRENT AVS PLATINUM MEMBERS. A Platinum member may nominate or sponsor only one person for Fellow for each annual submission deadline. Current members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for election. Further, no member of the Awards Committee may nominate or support any nomination.

This honor is reserved for those who have made significant scientific or technical achievements throughout their career. Fellow criteria must be met apart from any previously granted AVS recognitions. Exceptional service to the AVS, in the absence of outstanding technical accomplishments, does not qualify a Platinum member for Fellow of the Society.

Web questions or requested information for AVS Fellow Nominations

Award Category

- Award Type: Professional
- Category: AVS Fellow
- Nominees Name: (First Name, Last Name)
- Nominees Business Address:
- Nominees email Address:
- Date Nominee became an AVS Platinum member:
 - **Five (5) years consecutive AVS Platinum membership is required and must be a current member. Please verify before submitting a nomination. Questions? Angela Klink(angela@avs.org)**
- Introductory paragraph to nomination:
Short summary or introduction to the accomplishments or contributions upon which this nomination is based. These are described more fully in later sections (<250 words)
- Proposed Citation:
One sentence (<30 words)

Scientific Contributions

- Describe the nominee's technical and scientific accomplishments (< 750 words)
- Describe the nominee's contributions to education, training, and management of science (<500 words)
- List the nominee's number of peer reviewed publications, H-factor, and total number of citations (indicating source - e.g. Web of Science, Google Scholar ...) and ten most relevant publications (including authors and titles)
- List the nominee's relevant patents (Up to 10)

Professional Service

- Describe the professional service and contributions to the scientific community, especially AVS. This may include professional society memberships but should focus on leadership positions, outreach and other service initiatives (<750 words)
- Any other input that would be useful to the Awards Committee (<150 words)

Required Supporting Documents

The following documents must be uploaded using an **Add Attachments** button.

- 1) A Curriculum Vitae* (PDF Format) which should include education, employment history, professional recognition and awards (5 page maximum)
- 2) Three Support Letters (PDF Format) referencing the award criteria.
 - The signed letter of support from **Current AVS Platinum Members** must be on letterhead in a font of 11 or higher making specific reference to the criteria. 2 pages maximum.
 - **Tell about the impact:** help the Awards Committee to know the candidate, his/her accomplishments, and his/her impact. Make sure to read and share with your letter writers: **Tips on how to craft an effective nomination and strong support letter** by [clicking here](#).
- 3) Full list of Publications, Patents and Invited Talks* (PDF Format)

*It can be effective (not required) to organize the CV and Publication list to highlight topics or areas particularly relevant to the nomination.

A portion of the first web page for a Fellow nomination is shown below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `avs.awardsplatform.com/entry-form/manager/ymPrbXpG/edit?tabSlug=mYqDOnGQ`. The page has a dark sidebar on the left with navigation icons. At the top, there are four tabs: "Award Category", "Scientific Contributions", "Professional Service", and "Required Supporting Documents". The "Award Category" tab is active.

The form contains the following fields and text:

- Season:** A text input field containing "Active season (2021)".
- Award type:** A dropdown menu with "Professional (nomination round closed)" selected.
- Category:** A dropdown menu with "Fellow" selected.
- First Name Last Name:** A text input field containing "Tom Hanks".

Textual information on the right side of the form:

- Season description:** "This membership level is to recognize Platinum members who have made sustained and outstanding technical contributions in areas of interest to AVS."
- Award type description:** "The nominee must have made sustained and outstanding scientific and technical contributions in research, engineering, technical advancement, academic education, or exceptional leadership in technical management for at least ten (10) years. Five (5) years consecutive AVS Platinum membership immediately prior to the nomination is required. The clock resets during membership lapses. This is a prestigious membership level to which Platinum members are elected; therefore the membership percentage cannot exceed 0.5% in any calendar year."
- Category description:** "The candidate for Fellow, the nominating sponsor and the three sponsors **MUST BE CURRENT AVS PLATINUM MEMBERS**. A Platinum member may nominate or sponsor only one person for Fellow for each annual submission deadline. Current members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible for election. Further, no member of the Awards Committee may nominate or support any nomination."
- General description:** "This honor is reserved for those who have made significant scientific or technical achievements throughout their career. Fellow criteria must be met apart from any previously granted AVS recognitions. Exceptional service to the AVS, in the absence of outstanding technical accomplishments, does not qualify a Platinum member for Fellow of the Society."

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 9:14 AM on 1/13/2021.