



# Fellowship Guide

2023



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# Thank you for choosing the Geological Society

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We aim to be an inclusive and thriving Earth science community advancing knowledge, addressing global challenges, and inspiring future generations. Our Fellows cover the spectrum of geoscience professions, from industry and consultancy to education and the public sector.

Fellows are also entitled to use the post-nominal 'FGS' which shows your commitment to the highest standards of professionalism. Fellowship of the Geological Society provides a wide range of benefits for geoscientists at every career stage.

As a Fellow, you qualify for free registration on our online **Fellows directory**, allowing you to promote your membership and make contact with other members.

## We are here to support you with:

- ✓ Access to geoscience communities
- ✓ Professional & career development
- ✓ Conferences and events
- ✓ Professional & scientific publications
- ✓ Library services

And only with your support can we promote our science and profession for the benefit of the world and the wider population.



# Professional and Career Development

The Society provides Fellows with a range of services to support their professional and career development.

## Chartership

Fellows can apply for professional qualifications such as Chartered Geologist (CGeol) and Chartered Scientist (CSci). Both require high standards of knowledge, competence and professionalism and are recognised in the UK and a number of other countries around the world.

### Benefits of Chartership:

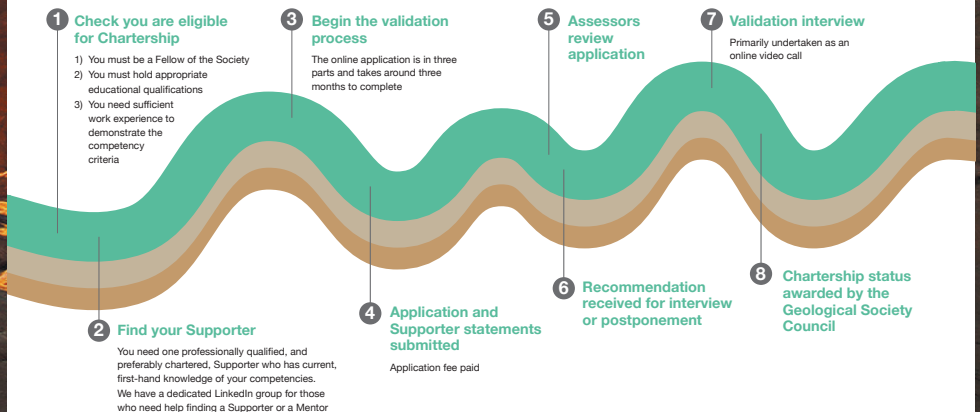
- Be publicly recognised for your professional excellence
- Increase your confidence and skill
- Demonstrate your credentials
- Improve your chances of promotion
- Become a leader within your field
- Join a worldwide community of cross disciplinary scientists

### Other benefits include:

- Chartered Geologist status is a pre-requisite to be a 'competent person' under the PERC and many other international reserves and resources reporting codes in the CRIRSCO family
- As a Chartered Geologist you can apply for the highly regarded title of European Geologists (EurGeol)
- Chartered Geologists can join the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) and the Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI), using the Society's reciprocal arrangements
- Access to further qualifications such as:
  - SiLC (Specialist in Land Condition)
  - RoGEP (Register of Ground Engineering Professionals)
  - CSCS cards (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)

For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/chartership](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/chartership)

## The Chartership Journey



## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a way for professional geologists to maintain and develop the standards of technical and professional competence required for their work. As well as broadening your knowledge, CPD gives assurance to your employers and to society in general, that you are professionally competent. As such, it is a requirement for maintaining your Chartered status.

The Society offers a range of online CPD courses instructed by leading experts in the UK. The programme of courses will help you meet your CPD requirements.

You can record your CPD using the Society's online CPD system within the MyGSL member portal. For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/CPD](https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/CPD)

### Training courses

Discounts on training courses are available to Fellows, allowing you to develop your knowledge and expertise further. For a list of courses, please visit <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Events/Online-Training-Courses>

### Mentoring

The Society runs a mentoring initiative for those Fellows who wish to become Chartered Geologists. This initiative is run through a LinkedIn group, which includes both prospective mentors and those who would like to be mentees. You can join the group at any stage of the chartership application process. It is helpful to write a short note explaining your background, your experience, your location, and your ideal timeframe to becoming chartered, and the type of mentoring support you are interested in. Prospective mentors who match your skill-set or area of expertise will then reach out to you. Mentoring others is a great way for Chartered Fellows to take the next step in their career progression, and is an ideal stepping stone towards becoming a Chartership Assessor.

The Geological Society Chartered Geologists Mentoring Group can be accessed using the following link: [www.geolsoc.org.uk/mentoring](https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/mentoring)



### Stay connected

Stay connected with our member magazine Geoscientist and regular e-newsletters, and keep up to date with the latest news from the geoscience community. You can also join our lively social media scene on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram and watch the latest lectures and events on our YouTube channel.

#### Join our growing community of geoscientists on social media:

-  [geolsoc](https://twitter.com/geolsoc)
-  [GeolSoc](https://www.facebook.com/GeolSoc)
-  [TheGeologicalSociety](https://www.youtube.com/TheGeologicalSociety)
-  [the-geological-society](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-geological-society)
-  [geolsoc](https://www.instagram.com/geolsoc)

## Access to Geoscience Communities

There are 15 Regional Groups in the UK and one in Hong Kong, which organise scientific, technical, professional and social events locally (all Fellows are allocated to their nearest group). The Society also has a number of Professional and Scientific Interest Groups, and is affiliated with many more. You can find out how to get involved at [www.geolsoc.org.uk/Groups-and-Networks/Specialist-Groups](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Groups-and-Networks/Specialist-Groups). Your selected group will email you direct, so please ensure that your email address and mailing status is updated. For more information about our Regional Groups and Professional and Scientific Interest Groups and their events, including contact details, please visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/groups](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/groups)

### Regional Groups

Central Scotland
East Anglian
East Midlands
Home Counties North
North West
Northern
Northern Ireland
Solent
South East
South West
Southern Wales
Thames Valley
West Midlands
Western
Yorkshire
Hong Kong

### Professional and Scientific Interest Groups

British Geophysical Association
British Sedimentological Research Group
British Society for Geomorphology
Contaminated Land Group
Early Careers Network
Earth Systems Science Group
Energy Group
Engineering Group
Environment Network
Forensic Geoscience Group
Geochemistry Group
Geological Curators' Group
Geological Remote Sensing Group
Geological Society Discussion Group
Geoscience Information Group
History of Geology Group
Hydrogeological Group
Marine Studies Group
Metamorphic Studies Group
Mineral Deposits Studies Group
Near Surface Geophysics Group
Quaternary Research Association
Tectonic Studies Group
Volcanic and Magmatic Studies Group

# Professional, Scientific Publications and the Lyell Collection

## Free online access to journals

Fellows may choose free online access to one of the following journal options:

1. Combined journal option - *Journal of the Geological Society* and *Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology*
2. *Petroleum Geoscience*
3. *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis*



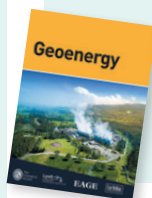
**Free online access to the *Book Archive*, which includes over 500 books, published before 31 December 2019.**

## Free access to *Geofacets-GSL Millennium edition*

*Geofacets-GSL Millennium edition* an innovative map-based research tool which offers downloadable, geo-referenced maps, accompanied by metadata and article abstracts. Members can access over 30,000 maps. Find out more at: [www.geolsoc.org.uk/geofacets](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/geofacets)

## For a small additional fee Fellows can upgrade to include:

- Additional online journals published by the Society, including *Geoenergy* (new for 2023)
- The *Full Book Collection*, which includes the *Book Archive* and new books published since January 2020



## Up to 50% discount on Society books, including:

- Special Publications
- Memoirs
- Engineering Geology Special Publications
- Geoscience in Practice
- Plus smaller discounts available on selected books distributed by the Geological Society, see [www.geolsoc.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/bookshop) to view the range available

**Fellows are entitled to up to 25% discount on Article Processing Fees (APC) when they publish Open Access with Geological Society owned, or co-owned, journals and books, including *Earth Science, Systems and Society (ES3)* a fully gold Open Access journal.**

To qualify, Fellows must be the corresponding author or at least half of the authors must be Fellows. Find out more at: [www.geolsoc.org.uk/open-access](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/open-access)

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## Training



## Geological Society Events

As a member, you will receive preferential rates to attend the Society's events, meetings and lectures. This year will see a wealth of virtual and hybrid conferences and online lectures, including two major conferences under the banner of Year of Sustainability. Additional events will explore themes like the energy transition and palaeoclimate.

Fellows of the Society are entitled to reduced conference rates at these and other Society organised events including the Energy Geoscience Conference (EGC1) in May 2023.

For full details of the Society's programme of events, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/events](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/events) or to make an enquiry please contact the Conference Office, [conference@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:conference@geolsoc.org.uk)



As a Fellow, you have access to our central London office, Burlington House. This is ideal for meetings, work and study. We are located near excellent transport links and have free Wi-Fi access across the building. We have a number of unique venues available to Fellows, including a contemporary tiered lecture theatre accommodating up to 172 delegates and three smaller versatile rooms all with complementary Wi-Fi and enhanced AV.

To discuss holding an event or conference please contact our friendly Venue Hire team, [venuehire@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@geolsoc.org.uk)



## Library and Information Services

The Geological Society Library houses one of the finest collections of geoscience literature in the world. Run by a friendly and professional team, who are on hand to provide advice and support, the library offers Fellows a wealth of resources from rich historical archives, an unrivalled map collection and the latest scholarly research delivered straight to your device or desktop.

**Explore** our extensive library and map collections through our library catalogue and discover our archives through the dedicated archives catalogue.

**Benefit** from postal loans, digital document delivery from our own collections, or an inter-library loan from another holding library in the UK.

**Access** electronic journals and a growing portfolio of ebooks via our OpenAthens authentication system.

**Find out** about the latest research through our literature search service or access Georef and Geofacets when you are on-site.

**Visit** the library at Burlington House, imbibe the atmosphere and use our beautiful reading rooms.

For more information, visit [www.geolsoc.org.uk/library](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/library). Alternatively, email us at [library@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:library@geolsoc.org.uk) or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## Supporting the Science and Profession

**As a registered charity, we support Earth scientists, grow interest in the natural world, and connect science, the profession and society.**

Over the next few years, we will be exploring several key themes within the Earth sciences, including the Energy Transition, Climate Change, and Geohazards, Geoengineering and Georesilience. A bespoke programme of activities curated by members within each theme will bring together researchers, professionals, and students to advance and share knowledge of planet Earth and beyond for the benefit of humanity.

Our policy work aims to communicate technical geoscience information as and where it relates to public policy, to raise awareness of geoscience considerations in UK policymaking for the benefit of science, profession and society, and to seek out and maintain relationships with organisations both in the UK and around the world. We continue to deliver independent and reliable policy information and respond to relevant Government consultations.

We have intensified efforts to address declining student enrolment in geology, in conjunction with University Geoscience UK and other organisations. We published Enrolment in crisis: A UK-wide strategy for exciting, engaging and retaining students in the geosciences with UGUK, and continue to work to engage relevant groups across the sector in order to deliver on its aims. If you or your organisation would like to support this initiative, contact [education@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:education@geolsoc.org.uk)

To get involved with activities such as conferences, outreach, or educational events please contact [outreach@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:outreach@geolsoc.org.uk)

If you are interested in contributing evidence to future responses to relevant Government consultations, please contact [policy@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:policy@geolsoc.org.uk) with details of your relevant expertise.





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## Enquiries

If you would like to contact the Society please use our online enquiries form at [www.geolsoc.org.uk/contact](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/contact) which will direct your enquiry to the relevant department. Alternatively you can call us on **+44 (0)20 7434 9944** between 9.30am and 5.30pm.

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Date

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