



CIEH Fellowship

What is Fellowship?

Fellow is our grade for senior practitioners who have made a distinct and significant contribution to the profession.

Fellows are permitted to use the FCIEH designatory letters.

How do I become a Fellow?

To become a Fellow you will firstly need to meet some baseline requirements of membership and have relevant work experience.

In addition to this you will need to show evidence of some, or all, of the following:

- Making a difference/leadership
- Accomplishment
- Supporting the profession

What are the baseline requirements?

You will need to be a Member or Chartered Member when you apply.

You will also need either:

- a. A CIEH accredited qualification of at least Level 6; and
- b. At least five years' relevant practice; and
- c. At least five years at Member grade.

Or:

- d. A relevant qualification, of at least Level 6, as determined by CIEH and;
- e. Ordinarily at least 10 years as a member or;
- f. Can demonstrate at least 10 years' relevant practice.

A Level 6 qualification would include a BSc degree. We would also welcome applications from members who hold the Public Health Diploma which preceded the CIEH accredited degree.

“Relevant” means environmental health in its broadest sense, including food safety, health and safety, housing and communities, environmental protection, public health etc.

“Ordinarily” means that we may consider applications from people who have not yet been CIEH members for 10 years, particularly if they have been working overseas or members of other relevant professional bodies.

Can you expand on the other requirements?

Making a difference/leadership - developing and delivering a vision, motivating and leading others, campaigning or advancing environmental health in the sector in which you operate.

Accomplishment – participating at a senior level in a project which has profoundly improved health outcomes, being a nationally or internationally recognised expert, or developing innovative solutions or research.

Supporting the profession - actively engaged in developing and supporting other members of the profession, being an advocate for the profession at a national or international level.

Fellowship is not an award for “time served”. Applicants must demonstrate a distinct contribution which is over and above a job well done.

What should I include with my application?

Applications must include:

- A personal statement of no more than 500 words detailing how the you feel that you meet the criteria.

You may also wish to include:

- A CV or similar career history
- Evidence that you were involved in key activities you refer to in your personal statement
- Supporting statements from colleagues/others

There is no application form for Fellowship.

How do I apply?

Anyone interested in Fellowship is welcome to contact the membership team on 020 7827 5800 or membership@cieh.org to discuss the requirements.

Applications should be emailed to membership@cieh.org with all the necessary attachments.

We will then do an initial check to see that you meet the baseline requirements.

If you do, we will contact you for payment of the application fee.

When the fee is received your application will be considered by the [Membership and the Profession Advisory Group](#) (MPAG).

What is the assessment process?

MPAG will consider your application for Fellowship and determine whether or not you meet the criteria.

MPAG may ask you to submit further information or request a discussion between you and some of its members via teleconference or similar.

If MPAG determines that you meet the criteria for Fellowship it will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that it is awarded.

The Board will then decide whether or not to accept this recommendation.

Successful applicants will be issued with a certificate confirming the award.

What are Fellows required to do?

Fellowship is one way that we recognise and celebrate senior professionals whether they are still active environmental health practitioners or not.

For that reason, Fellows are not required to undertake Continuing Professional Development and will not be part of our annual CPD random audit. (Chartered Fellows are expected to comply with their CPD obligations in full).

However, Fellows are bound by the Code of Ethics and Fitness to practise rules which state that members shall:

5.4.1 Develop and update their professional knowledge and skills throughout their working life, undertaking relevant training and learning about best practice.

5.4.2 Keep their knowledge, skills and professional performance under continuous review, reflecting on them systematically to identify strengths and weaknesses and complying with all requirements for continuing professional development.

5.4.3 Find out about, and comply with, laws and regulations which affect their work.

How much does it cost?

Fellows must pay an annual subscription to maintain their membership. In addition to this there is a one-off fee to cover the cost of the application. The current fees are set out on our website [here](#).

Where can I get more information?

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