Fellowship Rejoining Form

1. Contact Details (please complete all details in capital letters):

Title Forename(s)
Surname
Post-Nominal Letters Date of Birth (DDMMYY)
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Country Postcode
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Offer Code: …………………………………

2. Subscription Rates for 2024

Fellowship including digital subscription to all Society journals £136.00

3. Optional Subscriptions

Fellowship subscription to ‘Geographical magazine’
This subscription includes both the print and digital editions + £49.00

Reciprocal Membership (for residents outside the USA or Canada only)
Reciprocal Association of American Geographers +£69.00
Reciprocal Canadian Association of Geographers +£69.00

For Approved Chartered Geographers only
CGeog Annual Charge + £50.00

Total payable with this Application £_______
4. Gift Aid

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____________ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

5. Data Protection

Your information will be treated with the strictest confidence. Your personal data will be processed for membership purposes only and will be shared with a small number of third parties for the purpose of providing you with membership services. We will never share your data for marketing purposes. As a Fellow, your personal details will be held as part of the Society’s historical archive. More information on our privacy policy can be found at www.rgs.org/privacy-notice.

Research Groups

If you would like more information, please visit www.rgs.org/researchgroups where details on each Group are provided.

Please return the completed form with your payment or with your completed Direct Debit form to:

Membership Office, Royal Geographical Society with IBG, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR
tel: +44 (0)20 7591 3080  fax: +44 (0)20 7591 3079  email: membership@rgs.org  website www.rgs.org
Eligibility Criteria: Guidelines for Fellowship

Someone who seeks election as a Fellow must satisfy Council that they have either:

a. A sufficient involvement in geography or an allied subject through training, profession, research, publications or other work of a similar nature; or
b. Not less than five years continuous commitment to the Society as an Ordinary Member at the discretion of Council.

The broad base of membership of the Society is greatly valued and it is intended that the criteria for Fellowship should be interpreted broadly. Application for Fellowship will require the support of two existing Fellows, unless applicants hold teaching or research positions in departments of geography or equivalent in higher education.

Application for Fellowship is open to anyone in the world over the age of 21 who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of Council that they bring sufficient geographical or allied expertise or knowledge to the Society to meet one or more of the following criteria. Expertise and involvement may come from those with academic or professional backgrounds, as well as from those with a well-developed enthusiasm for geography. The points below provide broad guidelines to the approach that Council will take when considering direct applications for Fellowship. They are intended to illustrate breadth of compass rather than to be prescriptive.

Training
The attainment of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree qualification in the UK, or equivalent from universities elsewhere in the world, in geography or in allied disciplines that concern the understanding of environmental, economic and/or societal processes in the world, or that make significant use of spatial information. Without being prescriptive as to allied disciplines, substantial programmes of study, for example, in area studies; climatology; conservation and ecology; countryside management; development studies; earth science; environmental archaeology; environmental law; environmental management; environmental science; geographical information science; humanities; hydrology; international studies; oceanography; planning; regional science; social policy; social science; surveying; and transport studies should demonstrate appropriate relevance.

Profession
A wide number of professions can make substantial use of geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and information in policy, planning, decision-making and delivery in all or part of their work. Without being prescriptive, applicants should demonstrate appropriate relevance in professions including conservation; education; environmental and geomorphological consultancy and services; estate management and agriculture; geoscience; GIS and cartography; international development; meteorology; natural resource management; navigation; planning; retail and utilities management; surveying; transportation, travel and tourism; and relevant aspects of politics and the civil, diplomatic and military services.

Research
Applicants should demonstrate appropriate relevance to advancement in knowledge or understanding within the sphere of geography and related disciplines, regardless of the location, the spatial scale and the specific mode (archive, desk, expedition, field, laboratory, space) of the research or exploration endeavour. Other than under exceptional circumstances, this is likely to be contributions equivalent to final year undergraduate dissertation level or above. Normally the research would be expected to be available to others as publications or as unpublished reports.

Publications
Publications of merit that disseminate advances in geographical knowledge and understanding, that increase access to geographical knowledge in education, or that raise knowledgeable enthusiasm and awareness of geographical issues and the world among the wider public. By way of guidance as to breadth, scientific papers, scholarly books, educational books, high quality travel books, substantial reports contributing to knowledge including expedition reports, media articles of a high geographical content, the preparation of exceptional geographical websites and lecture series may be considered.

Work of a similar nature
Geographical endeavour is not restricted to the four categories above, and the Society’s Council is pleased to consider carefully formulated cases for Fellowship outside of these areas that can be convincingly shown to meet criteria (a). For example, there are media and TV professionals, those raising public knowledge through lecture programmes, and those significantly assisting the Society’s development or that of other geographical bodies and closely related bodies worldwide.
Payment Methods

Please complete one section below and return with your application.

☐ Cheque

Please make cheques payable to: ‘Royal Geographical Society with IBG’

Amount: £ __________________________

☐ Credit/Debit Card

The Society accepts Visa/MasterCard/Switch/Maestro

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Amount: £ __________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

☐ Direct Debit

Please complete and return the original mandate; faxed, photocopied or email versions cannot be accepted.

Amount: £ __________________________

☐ BACS Payments

RGS Account Details: BIC Code: HBUKGB4B

Sort Code: 40-04-01 IBAN No: GB12HBUK40040171401084

Account No: 71401084 SWIFT Code: HBUKGB4106V

Please be aware that unless we are informed of both the Payment Reference and Payment Date, it may not be possible to match the payment to your application.

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Amount: £ __________________________
Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debits

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   Bank/Building Society Address:
   Postcode

2. Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

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4. Bank/Building Society account number __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

5. Membership Number (if applicable)

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