

GEOINFORMATION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

CANDIDATES' GUIDELINES FOR 2019 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION



GEOSON, 2019

NB: The closing date for submission of Application is 30th September, 2019.

NB: THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in being elevated as a Fellow of the **GEOINFORMATION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (GEOSON)**. It is in response to this desire you expressed that this document which contains both guidelines and the application form for elevation was sent to you. You may wish to know that the Fellowship of the **GEOSON** is to recognize **GEOSON MEMBERS** who have made significant contributions to the practice of Geoinformatics and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession worthy of emulation. Kindly carefully go through the guidelines and ensure that you comply with all its provisions. Once your form is submitted with relevant supporting documents it cannot be withdrawn. Failure to adhere to all provisions of the application process will automatically nullify your application and this also means the forfeiture of all monies paid.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

With respect to GEOSON Constitution: "A fellowship candidate must be nominated by at least two (2) members. A nominee must have made outstanding contributions in areas of production, application, research, development, administration or education related to Geoinformation for at least ten years of full active membership status. A nominee shall not be less than 45 years of age at the time of nomination.

Therefore:

Candidates for Fellowship must be;

- i. 10 years of active and professional practice;
- ii. At least 10 years as a Full Member;
- iii. At least 45 years of age;
- iv. Must show evidence of being very active at both State and National levels.
- v. Financially up-to-date with evidence of regular payment of dues as at when due for the last 2 years prior to application;
- vi. Must be Nomination/Recommendation by 2 sponsors from 2 Fellow, Active Member of at least 10 years, allied professional bodies or a reputable member of the professional bodies;
- vii. Show evidence of regular attendance and participation at State Chapter meetings for the last 2 years;
- viii. Evidence of attendance of workshops, MCPD programmes, conferences etc.;
- ix. Show noteworthy contributions to the SOCIETY and Profession by showing evidence of the following; Positions held, Contributions made to the GEOSON, Evidence of Advancement and Professional Development, Contributions towards Mentorship, Contributions to body of knowledge, Contributions to Society.

3.0 FEES

All fees must be paid at the time of submission of application for consideration for the Fellow of the Society. The deadline for payment of fees and submission of application is **30th SEPTEMBER, 2019**.

The fees for application and processing shall be **N250, 000.00** (N50, 000.00 for the application form and N200, 000.00 for processing) to be paid at once to the account of the Society (Geoinformation Society of Nigeria – FCMB: 4896744016).

NO REFUNDS will be issued for submissions that are disqualified, incomplete, late, or withdrawn.

4.0 SPONSORS

Each sponsor must be a Fellow of at least 2 years and in good standing with the GEOSON and Please note that Past Presidents, Current National Officers of the GEOSON cannot serve as sponsors. • Sponsors will be selected by the candidate. The sponsor is responsible for the following submission requirements:

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments are permitted to support the nomination. This includes copies of documents and pictures. Each exhibit must be clearly described and if photographs properly captioned. These included:

- ❖ Completed Fellowship Application Form;
- ❖ Letters of nomination/recommendation (2);
- ❖ Curriculum Vitae of the Candidate;
- ❖ Evidence of AGA, workshop, conferences, MCPD Attendance;
- ❖ Evidence of meeting all Financial Obligations;
- ❖ Coloured Copies of all Credentials inclusive of any professional Associations, workshop and conference attendance, MCPD;
- ❖ Photographs and/or attachment should be selected that best illustrate the candidate's eligibility;
- ❖ 5 x7 Studio Grade Profile Photograph in Hard and Soft Copy (JPEG File Format);

These sections described above will assist the Screening Committee in understanding the candidate's achievements.

5.0 VERIFICATION OF SUBMISSIONS MADE

All submitted forms shall be collated and information contained will be extracted for use by the Screening Committee. The Secretariat will also go ahead to verify the information submitted by the candidates. Candidates cannot at any time make additional submissions or substitutions after submitting their COMPLETED forms.

6.0 NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

Fellow elects will be duly notified of the success of their applications. The notification will contain details of further steps to take leading up to their investiture. Part of the steps is the redemption of all pledges and failure to do so will invalidate the offer of elevation. All successful and unsuccessful candidates will be notified through their e-mail and phone number supplied on their form.

7.0 INVESTITURE

The final stage of the process is the Investiture of the new Fellows which will take place at a colourful ceremony organized by the SOCIETY. Fellow-Elects with their spouses and 2 guests will attend the investiture ceremony. Once invested as a Fellow of the SOCIETY, all new Fellows are considered members of the society and can use the ***FGEOSON*** suffix to their names.