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 Nomination Procedures document provides an overview of the nomination process for the professional awards. The required information and nomination questions in each area 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 & outstanding technical contributions in areas of interest to AVS.

**Eligibility**

The nominee must have made sustained & outstanding scientific & technical contributions in research, engineering, technical advancement, academic education, or managerial leadership for at 10 years. **Five years consecutive AVS Platinum membership is required.** 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 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. The members of the Awards Committee must recuse themselves from discussion and selection of awardees if they contribute to a nomination. Therefore, Awards Committee members are strongly discouraged from contributing to a 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 nominees technical and scientific accomplishments (< 750 words)
- Describe the nominees 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 FROM CURRENT AVS PLATINUM MEMBERS (PDF Format) referencing the award criteria.
   - Each letter should be 2 pages maximum.
   - The signed letter of support must be on letterhead in a font of 11 or higher making specific reference to the criteria.
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.

See part of the first page of the web based nomination form on the next page.
A portion of the first web page for a Fellow nomination is shown below: