

IACR Fellows Program Proposal

The Association will establish an IACR Fellows Program to recognize outstanding IACR members for technical and professional contributions that:

- a) Advance the science, technology, and practice of cryptology and related fields
- b) Promote the free exchange of ideas and information about cryptology and related fields
- c) Develop and maintain the professional skill and integrity of individuals in the cryptologic community
- d) Advance the standing of the cryptologic community in the wider scientific and technical world and promote fruitful relationships between the IACR and other scientific and technical organizations

The Program will be modeled on the ACM Fellows Program, information about which can be found at <http://www.acm.org/awards/fellows/>

Each candidate for the position of Fellow will be evaluated in accordance with the procedures and rules described below. In general, two broad categories of accomplishment will be considered: technical contributions and distinguished service to the cryptologic community. Fellows are expected to be "model citizens" of the cryptologic community, and thus most of them will have demonstrated sustained and significant accomplishment in both categories, but a very small number may be chosen for unique and crucial accomplishment in one category only.

IACR Fellows will serve as distinguished colleagues to whom the IACR and its members will look for leadership and guidance as the field of cryptology and its role in the world evolve. They will also be well positioned to represent the cryptologic community in academia, in industry, and in the scientific world at large and to support and mentor other IACR members in these contexts.

Fellows-Selection Procedures and Rules

- 1. Fellows-Selection Committee:** IACR Fellows will be chosen by a Fellows-Selection Committee consisting of a Chair and four additional Committee members. In steady state, each Committee member will serve for five consecutive years, during one of which he or she will be Chair; each year, one member will retire from the Committee, and a new member (chosen by the current members) will join. During the early years of the Fellows program, before steady state is reached, there may be a few years without turnover, and some Committee members may serve for fewer than five years or more than five years. The IACR Board of Directors will seed this self-sustaining process by selecting two full members of the IACR to serve on the Committee in its first year and instructing them to decide which of them will be Chair in the first year of the program and to choose three additional members.

- 2. Nominations and endorsements:** Each candidate for the position of Fellow must be nominated by a member of the IACR. Each nomination must be endorsed by at least four but no more than eight members of the IACR. No one may serve as both nominator and endorser of the same candidate. Neither self-nominations nor self-endorsements will be permitted. For each candidate, either the nominator or at most one endorser (but not both) may be a member of the Fellows-Selection Committee. Nomination and endorsement forms will be provided in order to help members document the case for each candidate succinctly and in the required format. Draft forms (similar to those used by the ACM in its Fellows-Selection process) are at:
<http://www.iacr.org/fellows/forms/nomform.html> and
<http://www.iacr.org/fellows/forms/endform.html>
- 3. Eligibility:** Any member of the IACR may be nominated, except those who are current members of the Fellows-Selection Committee as of the nomination deadline, those who have been Committee members during the three years immediately preceding the nomination deadline, and those who are already Fellows.
- 4. Terms and schedules:** Each year, the Fellows-Selection Committee will set a deadline for nominations and endorsements and will post the deadline on the IACR website. The names of the Fellows chosen by the Committee during a given year will be announced by the IACR President at the Membership meeting of one of the IACR sponsored conferences held that year. In addition, the names of all Fellows and approximately 25-word summaries of their main contributions will be posted on the IACR website. Once chosen, a Fellow retains his or her status for life or until he or she leaves the IACR and does not rejoin for five consecutive years. The target maximum number of Fellows is approximately 5% of the IACR members.
- 5. Review:** The Fellows-Selection Committee and the IACR Board of Directors will review this process periodically and amend it if necessary.