

How to Self-Nominate

Senior Member nominations are reviewed in cycles over the course of the year. This webpage describes the process and requirements for nominations. For helpful suggestions, see [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Next Deadline

June 3, 2017 - End of Day, Anywhere on Earth (AoE), UTC -12

Eligibility

Prior to the submission deadline, a candidate must have accrued:

1. At least 10 years of professional experience in the computing field. The candidate's highest completed college degree counts toward that time as follows: 5 years for a doctorate, 4 for masters, 3 for baccalaureate, or 2 for associate degree
2. At least 1 year of continuous professional ACM membership (to verify membership eligibility, contact acmhelp@acm.org)

Selection Criteria

Successful candidates for Senior Member must have demonstrated performance that sets them apart from their peers. In general, this will be reflected in one or more of the following:

- Technical leadership: project/engineering leadership, research leadership, education leadership, management, etc.
- Technical contributions: publications in refereed journals or conference proceedings, textbooks, success product engineering/development, patents, standards, etc.
- Professional contributions: service to professional societies, review committees, conference committees, standards committees, etc.

The candidate's description of his/her own accomplishments is reviewed and evaluated. However, the Committee gives particular weight to the supporting evidence provided by the endorsers, who must be individuals with personal knowledge of the candidate's work.

Submissions

Candidates nominate themselves for Senior Member using the [online nomination form](#). The requirements for nominations and endorsements are described below; further detail and examples will be found under [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

All materials must be submitted in English, *in plain text format*. Each nomination involves several components:

- Basic information about the candidate (including ACM membership number or username).
- Description of accomplishments showing that the candidate deserves recognition as a Senior Member (limited to 4,000 characters).

- Candidate's educational background, including institution, degree, year conferred, and major discipline.
- Candidate's professional background (organization, time period, and position held) and a summary of the candidate's experience (limited to 1,500 characters).
- Supporting letters from at 3 endorsers (see below). After submitting his/her nomination, the candidate will be sent an encrypted URL to forward to endorsers, enabling them to access the endorsement site.

Endorsements:

The candidate must secure endorsements from 3 colleagues in the field (not necessarily ACM members), who have personal knowledge of the candidate's work (e.g., co-authors, collaborators, supervisors). The endorsers attest that they know the candidate's work and that the candidate accurately described his/her achievements. They also explain why they believe the accomplishments meet the criteria for Senior Member. Candidates are advised to contact potential endorsers to get their consent. We also recommend that endorsers be sent the information about what endorsements should include (from the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage); many nominations fail simply because the endorsers didn't receive good instructions from the candidate. NOTE: After submitting the endorsement form, each endorser will be sent an email from senior@acm.org with an encrypted URL which must be used to confirm the endorsement. Please warn your endorsers in advance that they should expect that email and be prepared to respond to it promptly (or should contact senior@acm.org if it doesn't arrive).

Further information is available on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If you still have specific questions, please send them to [Rosemary McGuinness](#), ACM Awards Committee Liaison. ACM's [conflict-of-interest guidelines](#) apply to all membership grade nominations.