

Senior Member Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

ACM Senior Member recognizes those ACM members who have demonstrated performance that sets them apart from their peers and who have satisfied Professional Membership and professional experience requirements.

For additional information please refer to the [Senior Member Guidelines](#).

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Who is eligible to apply for ACM Senior Membership?

Candidates must have been ACM Professional Members for 5 consecutive years prior to the deadline, have had 10 years of professional experience, and have demonstrated performance that sets them apart from their peers. Examples of demonstrated performance and educational experience credited toward professional experience are found in Item 2 of the [Guidelines](#).

The ACM Senior Member program recognizes the top 25% of ACM Professional

Members. Only self-nominations are accepted for ACM Senior Member.

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How can I confirm that I have been a Professional Member for the required time?

You can verify how long you have been a member by logging in to [myACM](#) and viewing "My Services", or by contacting the ACM Membership Services Department at +1-212-626-0500 or acmhelp@acm.org.

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How do I submit a nomination for Senior Member?

Nominations (and endorsements) must be submitted [online](#).

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When can I submit a nomination?

Nominations are accepted year-round and are reviewed quarterly by the Senior Member Committee. The current deadline is posted on the [ACM Awards Web site](#).

A complete nomination package, i.e., the nomination and three confirmed endorsements, must be received by the deadline date in order to be considered in the current cycle.

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Who is qualified to be an endorser?

Endorsements should be from colleagues to whom the candidate reported or was in some way responsible for the work reported, or who have a comprehensive knowledge of the candidate's work (co-authors, collaborators). ACM membership is not a requirement for the endorsers of Senior Member candidates. Endorsers must attest that: 1) they know the candidate and their work, 2) that the candidate accurately described their achievements as outlined in the nomination; 3) these accomplishments meet their best understanding of the criteria for Senior Member.

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Can I request endorsements from more than three people in the event one or more endorsers does not submit the endorsement in time?

The system will not accept more than three endorsements for a nomination. Please contact your endorsers to confirm that they will submit the endorsement for your nomination.

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How do my endorsers submit their endorsements?

Endorsements must be submitted online using the encrypted URL that the candidate provides to the endorsers. After an endorsement is submitted, the endorser will receive an email from senior@acm.org with an encrypted URL to confirm the endorsement. Endorsements must be confirmed to be counted. Please

note that the endorsers' statements are considered to be of particular significance to the Senior Member Committee. The character limit for endorsers' comments is 2,500.

If an endorser does not receive the URL to confirm the endorsement, he or she should contact us at senior@acm.org. The email message may have been caught in a spam filter, or the email address may have been entered incorrectly.

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How do I check the status of my Senior Member nomination?

An endorsement tracker link will be sent to you in an email from at senior@acm.org after the nomination has been submitted. You will need to log in with your ACM Web account. The tracker site will allow you to check the status of your endorsements and to send a reminder to endorsers to confirm their endorsements.

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My endorser(s) submitted the endorsement after the deadline, must I resubmit the nomination?

Nominations which are not ready for review in the latest cycle will be automatically forwarded to the next cycle.

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One of my endorsers submitted the endorsement and incorrectly answered "No" to one of the three qualifying questions, and now the endorsement has been rejected.

Please ask your endorser to contact us at senior@acm.org and we will make the correction and will send your endorser the link to confirm.

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When confirming my endorsement, an error message was received stating there is something wrong with the URL.

Please cut and paste the entire URL/link into your browser (remove any hard returns). If you still receive an error, please contact senior@acm.org.

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My system shows that the characters entered are less than the maximum, however, an error message stated that the character limit has been exceeded.

The character limit includes spaces and hard returns. You will need to shorten the text within the field in order to submit. Please note the character limits are 4,000 for the nomination Accomplishments section and 2,500 for the endorsers Comments section.

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After submitting my nomination/endorsement can I access it to make minor changes?

After the nomination/endorsement has been submitted, the nominator/endorser is no longer able to make changes. Please contact us at senior@acm.org with any minor corrections/changes.

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When will I know if I have been selected and how will I be notified?

The Committee will complete its selections within 45 to 60 days of the latest deadline. All candidates whose nominations are completed by the deadline will be notified via postal mail as soon as the Senior Member Committee has completed the selection process.

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If I am not selected can I resubmit my nomination?

Yes, if a candidate is not selected in a given year, he or she can resubmit their nomination.

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