



IFBLS

International Federation of
Biomedical Laboratory Science

IFBLS Fellowship Award

Award Criteria

The IFBLS Fellows Award is designed to provide meaningful recognition to those belonging to individual association members of IFBLS who have contributed significantly to biomedical laboratory science (BLS) as administrators, educators, clinicians, or researchers.

This award is designed to recognise and stimulate the striving for excellence within the field. Fellows of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Scientists may use the credential FIFBLS.

The maximum number of Fellowship Awards per cycle shall be 10. This cycle shall coincide with the GAD.

Use of the FIFBLS Credential

Luminaries in the field of Biomedical Laboratory Science, who meet the eligibility requirements and who entered onto the roll of Fellows by the Board of IFBLS may use the FIFBLS credentials after their name, in conjunction with their other academic and professional credentials provided they, and their association, remain in good standing with the Federation

The FIFBLS credential is not an honour that should be discarded lightly; Fellows are expected to engage in IFBLS activities (e.g. Attendance at GAD, World Congress, and webinars, or contributing to journal) and to remain active in their home association in order to continue to use the designation.

Misuse of Credential and Removal of Designation

Should membership of the home organisation lapse, a fellow is no longer permitted to display FIFBLS after their name in any context. The designation is the exclusive intellectual property of the IFBLS.

The designation shall be removed if:

- The Fellow ceases to be of good standing in the BLS community or brings the IFBLS into disrepute as judged by the awards committee and ratified by the Board.
(Good standing means respected, law abiding, free from bribery or corruption and respectful of EDI standards.)

- The Fellow cease to be a member (any class) of their home membership body, or that body defaults or is withdrawn from membership
- The Fellow is disqualified from practice by their home regulator (if applicable), this can be voluntary or statutory regulator.

There is obligation by the nominator or their home organization to alert the IFBLS if the fellow fails to meet continuing fellowship requirements.

Qualifications

Candidates for Fellowship in IFBLS are required to have the following basic qualifications:

- Professional academic education and training for practice in home country
- Certification which is appropriate to the applicant's specialty practice
- A minimum of **15 years** of professional experience in the field of biomedical laboratory science
- Record of ongoing contribution in the International arena through engagement and contribution to the work of IFBLS (e.g. Attendance at GAD, World Congress, and webinars, or contributing to journal)
- In addition to the above requirements, candidates should demonstrate activity within one or several of the following areas of professional accomplishment:
 - Exceptional record in education
 - Exceptional record in leadership
 - Exceptional record in biomedical laboratory science research
 - Advocacy efforts in the field of biomedical laboratory science

Nominations for Fellowship

Fellow nominations may be made by:

1. IFBLS Board of Directors
2. Five (5) IFBLS Chief Delegates
3. Two (2) current Fellows in good standing
4. The IFBLS President

The inaugural Fellowships may be awarded to current or past board members or Chief Delegates who fulfil the criteria and are nominated as above.

Each submission should be made on the Nomination Form accompanied by the supporting documentation for the submission criteria (resume or CV) and a letter of recommendation from the nominator attesting to the suitability of the candidate and their qualifications under the categories a-e above.

The IFBLS Awards Committee has designated July 1 of each year as the final date for acceptance of these nominations.

Selection Process

The IFBLS Awards Committee selects the Fellows by scoring each nomination using the following submission criteria:

Leadership

- Activities or qualities of the nominee that have influenced biomedical laboratory science standards and professional practice
- Note various leadership positions
- Demonstrate citing as an internal leader

Service

- Activities of qualities of the candidate that support IFBLS
- Service to IFBLS and national committees and councils

Impact

- Development and execution of creative approaches to BLS leadership
- Advances the knowledge base of BLS leadership
- Promotes the positive of BLS
- Serves as a formal and informal mentor to BLSs

Only completed applications who fulfil the qualifications will be considered for entry into Fellowship. Final decisions are generally announced in September/October.

The Awards Committee will present its selection to the IFBLS Board of Directors for final approval.

Awarding of Fellowship

Fellowship is conferred by the President of IFBLS at the General Assembly of Delegates. A certificate will be awarded to new fellows.

The names of the newly elected Fellows are maintained on the Roll of Fellows and published in the IFBLS publications.