

Selection Characteristics for Master Fellowship in CHEST

The designation of CHEST Master Fellow is the highest level of recognition conferred by the College for achievement of professional preeminence in chest medicine. In the past 20 years only one or two people each year were typically awarded the title of "Master Fellow" (MF), with the median number selected being one. In four of those years, no Master Fellow was selected. Therefore it is important to note that this distinction is afforded to only the most accomplished figures in the field. To provide continuity in the Nominating Committee evaluation process across years, this document helps to highlight some shared characteristics of recently inducted Master Fellows. There are many members who have made extraordinary contributions to the College and who have risen to the top of their fields, but only a select few of those would be eligible for Master Fellow designation.

The bulleted points below describe general characteristics found among a large number of current Master Fellows. They are to be used as a guide to better understand and compare applicant strengths, and to more consistently rank candidates for this prestigious honor.

It should be noted that these characteristics are a rough guide for the Nominating Committee to use at its discretion. It is by no means meant to exclude an outstanding candidate who may otherwise be worthy of this honor because of qualities and qualifications not encompassed by this document.

Typical characteristics of the majority of those recently selected as Master Fellows, include:

1. Involvement in CHEST
 - Past-Chair of 3 or more major committees in the organization
 - Past service on 4 or more major committees within the organization
 - Past-President of CHEST
 - Enduring contribution to CHEST (e.g. CHEST Foundation, CEO selection, setting up a new Network, production of enduring materials for CHEST/CHEST Foundation/CHEST Enterprise, etc.)

AND

2. Academic and other Achievements
 - Described not simply as a recognized authority, but seen universally as a thought leader and world authority in a particular area of chest medicine.
 - Published over 100 original articles and reviews
 - Invited presenter at more than a dozen prestigious international meetings
 - Served as Editor-in-Chief of at least one, or Associate Editor of more than one, major Journal in chest medicine
 - Serves/d as Division Chief or Program Director in an academic chest medicine program*, or as Dean or Department Chair, hospital/healthcare system CMO, or similar senior leadership position, whether in an academic or non-academic setting
 - Excelled in teaching an aspect of chest medicine that serves as a model in the rest of the country to follow (e.g. ultrasound imaging, simulation education, and others)

* This includes pulmonary, critical care, sleep, pulmonary hypertension, cardiology, thoracic or cardiac surgery, and other related disciplines of chest medicine.

In general, involvement with CHEST is considered a prerequisite for this award.

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