

Fellows of ERS (FERS) – Terms of Reference

The Fellow of ERS (FERS) award recognises scientific excellence from within the ERS membership. The FERS award honours exceptional members in the respiratory field for their exemplary achievements and their contributions both to research and the ERS. Up to 50 Fellows are selected each year and recipients may use the designation 'FERS' following their name. FERS awardees are also inducted into an elite advisory board (of ERS active members) that will be called upon by the Society on various matters in future years. An individual will remain a FERS for as long as their membership of the ERS remains active.

Requirements:

- Continued ERS membership for at least the past 5 years until the application time

AND

- Scientific contribution to the respiratory field
 - o Outstanding scientific contribution, e.g. H-index (Web of Science) ≥ 30
- OR
- o Excellent scientific contribution (e.g., H-index (Web of Science) 25-30) with substantial clinical duties (e.g., >50% of working time) or clinical leadership (e.g., international recognition for innovation in clinical work)

AND

- History of contributions to ERS Committees and activities, e.g. working group member, Assembly or Group officer, Director position, etc.

Benefits of becoming a FERS

- Recognition in the title
- Being able to represent ERS in scientific or advisory roles

Responsibilities of FERS

- Remain ERS member
- Willingness to assist ERS in scientific or advocacy duties (e.g., represent ERS in a society annual congress)