

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.

Procedure:

- The call for FERS nominations opens in February of each year.
- Current FERS receive an email with a call for nominations.
- The call is open for approximately three weeks, the applications call is open for approximately four weeks.
- The applicants must submit a filled in application form and their CV.
- The ERS team checks the provided information, including the H-Index.
- The information is then submitted to the Secretary General to decide on who will be awarded with the FERS award based on the below explained criteria.
- The candidates are informed via email of their status.

Requirements:

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

AND

- Scientific contribution to the respiratory field.
- Outstanding scientific contribution, e.g. H-index (Web of Science) ≥ 30 .

OR

- 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 (names of FERS will be featured on the ERS website and certificates will be presented to each FERS).
- Being asked to represent ERS in educational, scientific or advisory roles.
- Mentoring the ERS Early Career Members / attend ECM sessions at Congress.

Responsibilities of FERS

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