ICSS

International College of Safety and Security

Membership Application Form

Affiliate | Associate | Member | Fellow | Distinguished Fellow | Honorary Fellow

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Purpose and designation notice

Use this single form to apply for, or be nominated for, an ICSS professional membership grade.
The designation is a professional membership designation of ICSS.
It is not, by itself, an academic degree, regulated qualification, statutory license, chartered designation, or security clearance.

Before you begin

☐ Complete all sections relevant to your chosen grade. If you are unsure, select the closest grade and allow ICSS to consider the most appropriate grade.

☐ Attach a current CV or professional profile. Keep supporting evidence focused and do not submit confidential, classified or legally restricted material.

☐ Affiliate, Associate and Member applicants provide one referee. Fellow and Distinguished Fellow applicants provide two. Honorary Fellowship is normally by nomination and does not require the nominee to complete every field.

☐ ICSS may verify qualifications, appointments, references and supporting evidence.

1. Application details

Please type or write clearly. Fields marked "if applicable" may be left blank.

Application/reference number (office use) _____

Full name _____

Preferred professional title _____

Current role or status _____

Organisation _____

Country / jurisdiction _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Current ICSS grade (if applicable) _____

2. Membership grade

Select one grade. For Honorary Fellowship, a nominator may complete the form on the nominee's behalf.

Select	Grade and indicative level
☐	Affiliate (No post nominals) Entry or interest-based connection to safety, security, risk, resilience or a related field. Suitable for students, career entrants and supporters of the profession.
☐	Associate (AICSS) Developing practitioner with relevant study, training or practical experience and a commitment to professional development.
☐	Member (MICSS) Established and competent practitioner with relevant responsibility, experience and evidence of sound professional practice.
☐	Fellow (FICSS) Senior professional or academic with sustained standing and significant contribution beyond routine role requirements.
☐	Distinguished Fellow (DFICSS) Exceptional, sustained and influential contribution with substantial professional, public, academic or international impact.
☐	Honorary Fellow (HonFICSS) Honorary recognition for outstanding contribution or service. Normally considered by nomination and approval under ICSS governance arrangements.

☐ If my evidence better matches another grade, I consent to ICSS considering me for that grade.

3. Professional overview

Summarise your experience, current responsibilities and professional interests. Suggested length: 150-300 words.

4. Experience history

List your most relevant roles or activities, starting with the most recent. Include employment, volunteering, study, research, public service or other relevant experience.

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5. Qualifications and professional development

Include relevant academic, vocational and professional qualifications, licences, certifications, courses and continuing professional development. Leave blank where not applicable.

Year	Qualification, award or development	Institution / provider

6. Professional evidence

Complete the evidence prompts proportionately to the grade selected. Examples may come from paid work, volunteering, study, research, teaching, service or community activity.

Affiliate	Brief statement of interest, intended development and relevant activity.
Associate / Member	Two concise examples showing competence, responsibility, learning and impact.
Fellow / Distinguished Fellow	A professional statement or portfolio showing senior standing, personal contribution and impact in at least two domains.
Honorary Fellow	A nomination statement setting out the nominee's outstanding contribution, standing and relevance to ICSS.

6.1 Key example or contribution 1

What did you personally do? What responsibility or judgement did you exercise? What changed or improved? How can the claim be supported?

6.2 Key example or contribution 2

Required for Associate grade and above where applicable. Describe your contribution, responsibility, outcome and supporting evidence.

6.3 Contribution beyond your immediate role

For Fellow and Distinguished Fellow applicants: describe relevant leadership, mentoring, education, research, policy, standards, innovation, professional service, public contribution or international impact.

6.4 Ethics and professional responsibility

Give a concise example of how you act with integrity, maintain competence, manage confidentiality or risk, and protect the public or professional interest.

6.5 Continuing development and future contribution

Describe recent learning, your development priorities and how you expect to contribute to ICSS or the wider profession.

7. Relevant professional domains

Tick all that apply. Fellow and Distinguished Fellow applications should normally evidence at least two domains.

☐ Leadership and strategy

☐ Operational or specialist impact

☐ Research and knowledge

☐ Education and development

☐ Policy and professional practice

☐ Innovation

☐ Professional service and mentoring

☐ International or public contribution

☐ Other: _____

8. Supporting evidence

List only evidence that helps verify a material claim. Attach copies or provide accessible references where appropriate. Redact personal, sensitive or restricted information.

Item	Document or evidence	Claim / section supported
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9. Referees

Provide one referee for Affiliate, Associate or Member applications, and two for Fellow or Distinguished Fellow applications. Referees should know your work and be able to comment independently. ICSS may request additional references where needed.

Detail	Referee 1	Referee 2
Name		
Role / title		
Organisation		
Professional email		
Relationship to applicant		
Years known professionally		

10. Honorary Fellowship nomination

Complete this section only for an Honorary Fellowship nomination. The nominee's consent may be obtained separately where appropriate.

Nominator name _____

Role / organisation _____

Email _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Nomination statement

Explain the nominee's outstanding contribution or service, professional or public standing, relevance to ICSS, and why honorary recognition is appropriate.

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11. Reasonable adjustments and communication needs

Tell us about any reasonable adjustment or alternative format needed for the application, assessment or professional discussion. You may also contact ICSS separately.

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12. Applicant or nominator declaration

Tick each box. For an Honorary Fellowship nomination, references to "my application" mean the nomination and supporting information submitted.

☐ I confirm that the information and evidence supplied are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☐ I confirm that submitted material does not knowingly breach confidentiality, security, data-protection, copyright or other legal obligations.

☐ I consent to ICSS undertaking reasonable verification of information relevant to this application or nomination.

☐ I have disclosed any matter requested by ICSS that may materially affect suitability for membership.

☐ I agree, if admitted, to comply with the ICSS Membership and Fellowship Regulations and the ICSS Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics.

☐ I understand that an ICSS designation is a professional membership designation and is not, by itself, an academic degree, regulated qualification, statutory licence, chartered designation or security clearance.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

13. Submission checklist

☐ Completed application form

☐ Current CV or professional profile

☐ Professional statement or nomination statement, where required

☐ Supporting evidence list and attachments, where applicable

☐ Referee details

☐ Any reasonable-adjustment request supplied separately, if preferred

14. What happens next

This section explains the standard process and is not completed by the applicant.

1. ICSS checks the application for completeness and identifies the relevant membership grade and assessment route.
2. Qualifications, appointments, references or key evidence may be verified.
3. The application is reviewed proportionately against the selected grade. Senior grades may involve independent assessors or a structured professional discussion.
4. The decision will normally be Approved, Deferred pending further evidence, Offered at another grade, or Declined.
5. The applicant or nominator receives written notification and concise reasons. Successful applicants complete any admission requirements before the designation is issued.

15. ICSS office use only

Field	Record
Application complete	☐ Yes ☐ No
Grade assessed	
References received	
Verification completed	
Professional discussion required	☐ Yes ☐ No
Decision	☐ Approved ☐ Deferred ☐ Alternative grade ☐ Declined
Decision date	
Panel / authorised officer	
Reasons or conditions	

Privacy and records: Application information should be handled under the applicable ICSS privacy and records-retention arrangements. Applicants should be directed to the current privacy notice when this form is issued.