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### Background

The Society of Light and Lighting (SLL) has its own classes of membership independent from CIBSE membership classes and provides designatory letters to those who are suitably experienced in lighting. Those who apply and gain Fellow class of the Society can use the designatory letters FSLL.

To become FSLL you will need to provide evidence of service to the industry at a leadership level and demonstrate a commitment to professional development and to the field of light and lighting in general. You should:

- Be an existing Member (MSLL) of the Society of Light and Lighting,
- Be able to display evidence of having shown leadership in the field of lighting, for example:
  - Have an established reputation, standing or other significant achievements in the field;  
AND
  - Have led a lighting or engineering team for a significant period and mentored peers and/or younger lighters  
AND/OR
  - Have made significant contributions to research or cutting-edge design and/or have made significant contributions to the world of light and lighting. Evidence could be provided by reference to publications and awards (particularly peer reviewed).

Applicants must provide evidence of ongoing commitment to your own Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and mentoring; for example, by providing CPD to others including younger lighters or peers and/or the promotion of SLL, CIBSE or other professional institutions or organisations.

The Fellows Panel assesses applications holistically, balancing all of these criteria. Exceptional achievement in one area may offset limitations in another, and each application is judged on its individual merits overall.

NB Leadership can be interpreted many ways, and the panel is open to evidence of leadership in companies or ideas through dissemination via research or delivering CPD or publishing about new innovations.

### Information Required

Applications for FSLL are made online and before you apply you should have the following documents ready for uploading (in separate files).

1. [Qualification Certificates](#) achieved post your successful MSLL application and transcripts in English, also member certificates from other Professional Institutions, and/or from Lighting Courses (duration greater than 7 hours).

2. [CV](#) including any relevant education and/or CPD, employment details including percentage of time working in light and lighting, and specific roles/tasks undertaken. Emphasis on most recent roles.
3. [Organisation Chart](#) which clearly highlights your position within your company.
4. [Contribution to Lighting](#) a document outlining your experience and contribution to light and lighting, including any additional CPD.

You will also need the name and email address of your [Proposer](#).

NB All documents should be uploaded in pdf, jpeg, png format.

See the following sections for more information.

### **Qualification Certificates**

For your application, you should have all relevant Qualification Certificates and transcripts in English that you have achieved post your successful MSL application. These can include any course that you feel are relevant. You can include any course certificates that have a duration of greater than 2 days. Also, if you have achieved Membership or Fellowship of another Professional Institution (eg IET) please include your membership certificate.

You may upload a separate document with a list of your continuing professional development records for the last 18 months in this section.

### **CV**

Your CV should include any relevant education, employment details including percentage of time working in light and lighting, and specific roles/tasks undertaken. Your education and employment details should be in reverse chronological order with focus on more recent roles. Also include your continuing professional development records for the last 18 months (if not included in [Qualification Certificates](#)).

### **Organisation Chart**

The organisation chart should clearly show your position within your company. If you are self-employed and do not have an organisation chart, please provide a brief note outlining your level of responsibility and leadership in projects undertaken. If your position changes depending on the project, you should submit a chart showing your position for the project(s).

### **Contribution to Lighting Report**

The Contribution to Lighting report (2,000-2,500 words) is your opportunity to demonstrate that you meet the expectations for Fellowship of the Society of Light and Lighting. In line with the criteria outlined in the [Background](#) section, your submission should provide clear evidence of:

#### ***Leadership in the Field of Light and Lighting***

You should demonstrate sustained leadership within the lighting profession. This may include leading teams, initiatives, or significant projects; influencing professional practice; or contributing to the development of lighting knowledge or standards. Leadership may be shown through management responsibility, thought leadership, research, or the dissemination of ideas through training, publications, or CPD delivery.

### ***Significant Professional Standing and Achievement***

Your report should reflect a career of recognised professional contribution, demonstrating an established reputation or notable achievements within lighting. Examples may include delivering influential design work, contributing to research or innovation, producing peer-reviewed publications, or receiving awards for excellence within the industry.

### ***Commitment to Professional Development and Industry Advancement***

Applicants should show evidence of continuous professional development and a strong commitment to supporting the development of others in the profession. This could include mentoring, delivering CPD, supporting younger or early-career lighters, or promoting the work of SLL, CIBSE, or other professional bodies.

### ***Responsibility, Influence, and Impact***

You should outline how your work has contributed to the advancement of the lighting profession. This may include shaping practice, influencing standards, contributing to groundbreaking or innovative projects, developing training or guidance, or having a demonstrable impact on industry understanding of lighting.

### ***Holistic Professional Contribution***

As noted in the [Background section](#), the Fellows Panel assesses applications holistically. Exceptional achievement in one area may offset more limited evidence in another. Your report should therefore provide a balanced overview of your contributions, reflecting the breadth and depth of your involvement in lighting.

Examples of relevant evidence include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership on notable lighting projects or programmes
- Contribution to research, innovation, and development
- Active involvement in professional bodies or technical committees
- Delivery of CPD, lectures, seminars, or training programmes
- Publication of papers, articles, or guidance
- Mentoring of colleagues or emerging professionals
- Significant project work demonstrating responsibility, expertise, and influence (you may include photographs or diagrams where appropriate)

Your report should present a coherent narrative that demonstrates you have achieved – and continue to sustain – the level of leadership, responsibility, and professional standing expected of an FSLL.

## **Proposer**

You will need a Proposer to support your application. They need to have agreed to be your proposer and should have read your application documentation. They should be:

- A Fellow of SLL,
- A Fellow of CIBSE,
- A Fellow of another Engineering Professional Institute,
- Registered CEng with any Engineering Council nominated institution, or
- Professionally registered within the construction industry (eg CIOB, RICS, RIBA) at Fellow Level.

All of the above should have known you for a minimum of a year.

NB A direct family member or a member of CIBSE/SLL staff cannot propose the application.

During the application process your proposer will receive an email asking them to confirm their details and their support of the application ('I am familiar with the CIBSE competences required for this grade and to the best of my knowledge to date I am satisfied that this applicant is likely to be successful when assessed').

## Checklist and General Guidance

### Checklist

Before completing your application, please check if you have the following:

*Qualification, Course and Certificates	Yes/No
*CV, including work experience	Yes/No
*Organisation Chart	Yes/No
*Contribution to Lighting Report	Yes/No
Proposer Name and Email address and they have agreed to sponsor you.	Yes/No

\* Please make sure these are separate files.

### General Guidance

Information on deadlines for monthly applications and subscription fees can be found at [SLL Membership Guidance and Subscriptions](#). Applications for FSLI are reviewed on an ad-hoc basis when received