

# IRIS Esteem Types & Membership Types

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## Esteem Types to be used in IRIS

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Honorary Doctorate  
Honorary Professorship  
Honour  
Industrial  
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Lifetime Achievement Award  
Medal  
Media Appearance  
Named Lecture  
Prize  
Professional Service  
Public Engagement  
Research Co-ordination  
Visiting Academic  
Other

Note: For categorising the many esteem items that may be recorded and reported on for any forthcoming REF. These esteem types can be used to categorise the type of the esteem item, rather than the significance of each item of esteem.

## Membership Types to be used in IRIS

Affiliate Member  
Associate Member  
Chartered Member  
Elected Member  
Fellow  
Honorary Member  
Life Member  
Member  
Other

Note: For memberships of Professional Bodies – where membership is entirely by subscription or may be a pre-requisite for professional recognition rather than a true measure of esteem - an elected fellowship of such a body is normally a measure of esteem and is categorised under the esteem types

## Glossary of Esteem Types used in IRIS

### **Award:**

An award received from a learned society, professional body, media organization, trade body or other enterprise that is generally regarded as recognition of excellence in the individual's field of research or related field.

### **Conference Organisation:**

A significant role in the organization of an academic conference such as the general or programme chair of a major international conference, a long standing committee member of a conference series or other significant input into a conference or conference series.

### **Editorial Role:**

Editor or Assistant Editor of a journal; Editor in Chief of a journal or journal series; member of editorial board of journal or book series and other significant editorial related activity.

### **Election to Learned Society:**

An elected Member or Fellow of a Learned Society where the elevation is accorded by a ballot of the individuals own academic peers.

### **External Examiner Role:**

External examiner for a Doctoral Thesis

### **Fellowship:**

A significant award to pursue independent study from a funder of research. This type of esteem item would normally be expected to apply to fellowships award to experienced and esteemed academics and specifically exclude early career fellowships received by Post Doctoral students.

### **Honorary Degree:**

Honorary Degree award from a Higher Education Institution with degree awarding powers.

### **Honorary Doctorate:**

Honorary Doctorate award from a Higher Education Institution with degree awarding powers.

### **Honorary Professorship:**

An Honorary Professorship at a Higher Education Institution

### **Honour:**

An Honour granted by a National or State Government, Head of State, Pan National Organisation or similar e.g. *Grand Officier de la Légion d'honneur*, *Commander of the Order of the British Empire* (CBE)

**Industrial:**

Role on advisory board, regulatory authority, esteemed position in trade association or professional body or similar industrial advisory role.

**Invited speaker:**

A specifically invited attendance at a conference, conference series, workshop or seminar. This would also include activities such as the public presentation of research or a speaker at a notable public event or similar public appearance.

**Invited contributor:**

A specifically invited contribution to a journal, series of monographs or a specifically invited contribution to an exhibition or public display of work. This would also include such items as the production of a forward of a book, introduction to an exhibition catalogue or acting as an invited curator.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Any award received that specifically recognises 'Lifetime Achievement'.

**Medal:**

Similar in to those esteem items categorised as 'Awards'. Allows easy classification of an award where Medal specifically appears in the title of the award.

**Media Appearance:**

Appearance in a broadcast media production such as a TV or Radio interview, appearance in a documentary film, presentation of a documentary series or similar such work.

**Named Lecture:**

Delivery of a specific named lecture or lecture series often in honour of an individual or individuals e.g. Royal Aeronautical Society – Whittle Lecture, The Reith Lectures. When these events are recorded and broadcast or broadcast live it may be appropriate to categorise them as 'Media Appearances'.

**Prize:**

An award or medal where there has been a significant competitive element to the award, or where Prize specifically appears in the title of the award e.g. Stirling Prize. Items of esteem that record secondary and tertiary placings could also be categorised by this esteem type.

**Professional Service:**

Esteemed position in a professional body or recognition of significant endeavour in promoting the profession or area of expertise over an extended period of time.

**Public Engagement:**

Significant work or events promoting the individuals work or area of expertise to the non-specialist public audience through outreach, public lecture, exhibitions, workshops or any other method of promotion.

**Research Co-ordination:**

A position in co-ordinating research across multiple institutions, or disciplines by promoting joint workshops, hosting seminar series, co-ordinating the research outputs of different laboratories or enabling significant joint endeavour.

**Visiting Academic:**

A visiting academic position at an institution other than the home HEI of the individual.

**Other:**

Any other work or record of recognition that points to the esteem of an individual in their area of expertise that cannot be categorised by the above esteem types.