# Role Description for Fellowship Councillors

Fellowship Councillors help play a key role in the RSA’s engagement with Fellows, helping the RSA to nurture the best new ideas and to ensure that the Fellowship’s voice is heard within the organisation.

There are two types of Fellowship Councillor, the first are those elected by other Fellows in their area or nation, where we aim to have a good geographic spread, and the second are those selected for their expertise in key areas of the RSA’s work (thematic councillors). The term of a Fellowship Councillor is two years and it is possible to stand for election for one additional two year term.

**Why participate as a Fellowship Councillor?**

Many Fellowship Councillors find the experience highly rewarding. In particular they value the opportunity to:

* Put their skills and experience to use to make a lasting difference to an organisation they care about
* Support other Fellows and contribute to what’s happening in their area or their specialist area of knowledge
* Learn more about the RSA and the work we do
* Work and network with interesting people from diverse backgrounds
* Enhance their transferable skills and broaden their experience.

## All Fellowship Councillors are expected to:

* Support the mission and values of the RSA;
* Be an effective advocate and ambassador for the RSA;
* Contribute their expertise to the RSA’s thinking on Fellowship engagement;
* Participate as a full voting member of the Fellowship Council;
* Participate in the various committees and working groups of the RSA as necessary.

### In addition Area/National Fellowship Councillors are expected to[[1]](#footnote-1)\*:

* Support activities of Fellows in their Nation or area ;
* Work with the staff team and other Fellowship Councillors to look at ways to ensure the Fellowship in their area develops;
* Understand Fellows’ views in their area and feed this knowledge back to the organisation.

### In addition thematic Fellowship Councillors are expected to:

* Support the Fellowship Engagement team in the involvement of Fellows in RSA activity within their area of specialist expertise.

### Experience required to fulfil the role of Fellowship Councillor:

The following elements are important for Fellows to be able to fulfil their role as a Fellowship Councillor. It is strongly recommended that they be addressed in your application/nomination form.

**Area/National Councillor experience required:**

* Familiarity with, and interest in, the work of the RSA at a local and or a national level;
* Experience of a volunteer role;
* Experience of at least one of the following:
  + Creating successful networks and events;
  + Developing and delivering successful projects;
  + Influencing strategy and policy;
* Good interpersonal and communication skills;
* Willingness to dedicate sufficient time to the role;
* Willingness to undertake this role without remuneration (other than reasonable out of-pocket expenses).

**Thematic Councillor experience required:**

* Expertise and experience to be able to make a significant contribution to the strategic direction of the RSA in one of the three areas of our work – our Change Aims [VIVS COULD YOU PUT A LINK TO THE RELEVENT RSA PAGE];
* Familiarity with the work of the RSA in their area of expertise;
* Good interpersonal and communication skills;
* Willingness to dedicate sufficient time to the role;
* Willingness to undertake this role without remuneration (other than reasonable out of-pocket expenses).

1. \* Those elected as Fellowship Councillors in Wales will also be expected to join a Welsh National Advisory Board, which will help take the RSA forward in Wales. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)