Supporter Statement

You have been asked to complete this form because you have been identified as a supporter for an applicant’s application to become a BCS Fellow. Please complete and submit this form to us as a PDF to [processing@bcs.uk.](mailto:processing@bcs.uk)

Refer to the Supporter guidance for more information about your role as a Supporter and how to write a supporting statement.

Please enter your details below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Title |  | First name |  | | Surname |  |
| Email |  | | | I have known them since (MM/YY) | |  |
| LinkedIn profile (url) | |  | | My specialism | |  |

The applicant is required to provide the details of a Supporter that is either a BCS Fellow, the Fellow of another organisation, or work-related.

Please complete the relevant sections below based on your relationship to the applicant.

* If you are a Fellow, complete sections 1, 3 and 4.
* If you have worked with the applicant, complete sections 2, 3 and 4.

# Are you a Fellow?

Please confirm which type of Fellow you are by placing an **X** in the relevant box. Complete the other fields related to your selection.

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| BCS Fellow |  | BCS membership no. | |  | |
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| Fellow of another body |  | Body title |  | Membership no. |  |

# Have you worked with the applicant?

Please confirm where you have worked with the applicant.

If you are a client or co-researcher, state the organisation you worked at and the organisation the applicant worked at within the same cell, e.g., Nottingham University/IBM.

If you have worked with them at multiple organisations, complete the additional fields.

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| Your current/most recent role title | Principal Software Engineer | | | |
| Where did you work together? |  | Dates you worked together (MM-YY) | From |  |
| To |  |
| Where did you work together? |  | Dates you worked together (MM-YY) | From |  |
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| Where did you work together? |  | Dates you worked together (MM-YY) | From |  |
| To |  |

# Professional understanding of the applicant’s work

The applicant is required to provide experiential statements against four of the BCS Fellow criteria. From the content provided by the applicant, which of their statement(s) do you have a professional understanding of or have worked with the applicant during. Place an **X** in the relevant box(es).

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| Body of work |  |  | |  |  |  |
| **Invention and innovation** | **X** | Responsibility | |  | Skills development |  |
| Entrepreneurship |  | Research | |  | Consultancy |  |
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| Professional impact |  |  | |  |  |  |
| Inspiring others |  | (Inter)national policy making | |  | **Mentoring and coaching** | **X** |
| Interdisciplinary collaboration |  | Diversity and inclusion | |  | Sustainability – social or environmental |  |
| Outreach |  |  | |  |  |  |
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| Standing on the community | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Awards** | **X** | Governance | |  | Public influencer |  |
| Assessor |  |  | |  |  |  |

# 4. Do you support their application?

Indicate whether or not you support the applicant’s application to become a BCS Fellow by placing an **X** in the relevant box. Describe the reasons for your selection below.

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| I have read the application form | X |  |  |
| **I support the application** | X | I do not support the application |  |
| Reasons for selection | | | |
| I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Rahul Vishwakarma's application for BCS Fellow, drawing from my experience as his mentor during his tenure at Dell Technologies spanning over three years. I can provide insights into his significant contributions in terms of innovation, mentoring, and awards.  During his time at Dell, Rahul collaborated with me on various groundbreaking inventions, one of which has been patented and integrated into a Dell product (Data Domain), serving a user base of 1840 customers across 10 countries. This achievement underscores his ability to lead and make a tangible impact within the profession. Despite holding the position of Senior Software Engineer at the time, Rahul distinguished himself among his peers through his deep understanding of product architecture and collaborative approach. His expertise in Conformal Prediction has added substantial value to Dell's intellectual property portfolio in the Data Storage domain, evident from his role as the inventor of all patents related to the application of conformal prediction at Dell. His 51 granted US patents in just three years places him among the top 0.54% of inventors worldwide, reflecting his exceptional influence in the field.  Moreover, his contributions have not gone unnoticed within the industry, as evidenced by invitations to present his work at prestigious industrial conferences like SNIA SDC. His impact extends beyond Dell, as demonstrated by his recognition with the "Dell Patent Award" and numerous innovation awards (Top patent Filers in 2021) for his pivotal role in solving enterprise-level challenges. His leadership and mentorship qualities have been instrumental in fostering innovation not only within his own team but also across other teams at Dell. Under his guidance, more than 30 employees successfully filed their first patents, and one of his colleagues from Dell USA even earned a promotion to Distinguished Member of Technical Staff based on Rahul's mentorship. His commitment to knowledge sharing is further exemplified by the publication of his published book, "Conformal Prediction: An Inventor’s Approach," which promises to reach a global audience and amplify his impact.  Having closely collaborated with Rahul during his tenure as a Senior Software Engineer at Dell Technologies, I can confidently affirm that his application accurately reflects his expertise and accomplishments. I believe he would be a valuable addition to BCS as a Fellow, bringing with him a wealth of leadership experience and a proven track record of driving innovation and influence in the profession. | | | |

**Note:** Your statement will only be shared with the FBCS assessors, it will not be shared with the applicant.