



GN 101 Guidance note for Candidates for CARAS Associateship

This document is the guidance for applying for the **Associateship of the Royal Agricultural Societies (ARAgS)**, administered by the Council for Awards of the Royal Agricultural Societies (CARAS).

Key Points

Purpose of the Award

The Associateship recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to agriculture or land-based industries in the UK, including:

- Practical farming
- New husbandry practices
- Research and technology
- Economics
- Education
- Administration
- Rural community development

Who Can Apply?

Applicants should:

- Have received a formal invitation to apply from the chairman of the relevant nations panel
- Normally be domiciled in the UK (England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland)
- Be well established in their career
- Have considerable experience
- Demonstrate achievements above the normal standard in their field

Application Requirements

- 1. Application Form**
 - Complete all sections.
 - Can be completed electronically or by hand.
- 2. Written Submission**
 - Maximum of **2 sides of A4**.
 - Must be headed with the title shown on the application form.
 - Should clearly explain your contribution and its benefit to agriculture or land-based industries.
- 3. Two Sponsors**
 - Must be Fellows of the Royal Agricultural Societies (FRAgS).
 - Must know your work and agree to support your application.
 - Cannot be close relatives, family members, close friends, or members of the Nations Panel or the Moderators' Panel.



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Submission Options

Option 1(a):

- Demonstrate a high level of competence in a farming system.

Option 1(b):

- Demonstrate a new farming practice or agricultural technique you developed or helped develop.

Option 1(c):

- Demonstrate a personal contribution through research, technology, education, economics, administration, farmer welfare, community support, or wider agricultural relationships.

Option 2:

- Based on a report previously produced for a sponsoring body (e.g. a Nuffield Scholarship).
- Must show what you have done in the two or more years since completing the report to implement and disseminate the findings.

Assessment Process

- Application reviewed and approved for registration.
- Two Fellow assessors are appointed.
- An interview/assessment is arranged (usually at the applicant's workplace).
- Assessors submit a joint report.
- The Moderators' Panel reviews the report and decides whether the award should be granted.
- Successful applicants receive a certificate at a formal presentation.

What Assessors Will Be Looking For

Across all options, assessors will be looking for:

- Clear evidence of your personal contribution.
- Measurable benefit to agriculture or land-based industries.
- Innovation, leadership, or influence.
- Involvement within the wider community.
- Evidence that your achievements exceed normal professional expectations.
- Future plans and ongoing impact.