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AAAS Statement on Elected Fellow Revocation Policy

“Today the AAAS Council voted on and approved a Fellow revocation policy. This new policy, which will go into effect on October 15, 2018, provides a mechanism and procedure for AAAS to consider and act to revoke the status of an elected AAAS Fellow ‘in cases of proven scientific misconduct, serious breaches of professional ethics, or when the Fellow in the view of AAAS no longer merits the status of Fellow.’ This includes a revocation procedure in cases of sexual and gender harassment.

“Harassment has no place in science. We must do more as a scientific community to create a respectful and supportive environment for our colleagues and students. We need effective and responsive policies in academic departments and institutions, scientific societies, and government agencies that define expectations of behavior and provide clear reporting processes, as well as consequences for violations.”

- Margaret A. Hamburg, President, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and Chair, AAAS Council

Read the AAAS [Fellow Revocation Policy](#).

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