AIAA Honorary Fellows

The first Honorary Fellow was Orville Wright, who was named on Founder's Day of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences (IAS, I) on 26 January 1933. A year later, on 31 January 1934, the IAS had its second annual meeting and elected two Honorary Fellows and 23 Fellows.

The Honorary Fellows were Ludwig Prandtl, professor at Göttingen University and director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Fluid Motion Research, and Jerome Clarke Hunsaker, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and professor in charge of Aeronautical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Honorary Fellows are persons of eminence in aeronautics or astronautics, recognized by a long and highly contributive career in the arts, sciences, or technology thereof. An Honorary Fellow Selection Board reviews nominations made by members from the ranks of Fellows, and recommends a slate of no more than four to the Board of Directors for election each year.

There have been only 232 distinguished persons elected since the inception of this Honor.

AIAA Honorary Fellows include:

A
Frederik J. Abbink 2015
H. Norman Abramson 2018
J. Ackeret 1949 (I)
James F. Albaugh 2011
Arnold D. Aldrich 2012
E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, Jr. 2002
Kyle T. Alfriend 2015
H. Julian Allen 1968
Lew Allen 1996
Joseph S. Ames 1934
John D. Anderson, Jr. 2003
Neil A. Armstrong 1971
Henry H. Arnold 1943
Holt Ashley 1975
John Atwood 1964
Norman R. Augustine 1985
Wanda M. Austin 2015

B
William Ballhaus, Jr. 2005
Francis Banks 1956 (I)
Preston Bassett 1953 (I)
Richard H. Battin 1990
James M. Beggs 1997
Pierre Betin 2004
Raymond Bisplinghoff 1967
Oliver C. Boileau 1994
John G. Borger 1992

C
Frank W. Caldwell 1946
Renso L. Caporali 2000
A. Caquot 1936 (I)
John Casani 2009
Joseph V. Charyk 1988
Arthur C. Clarke 1976
A.V. Cleaver 1967
Vance D. Coffman 1999
Aaron Cohen 1995
A. Roderick Collar 1984
Philip M. Condit 1999
Eugene E. Covert 1994
Natalie W. Crawford 2017
Robert L. Crippen 2003
A. Crocco 1936 (I)
Luigi Crocco 1983
Scott Crossfield 1999
Malcolm R. Currie 1993

D
Yvonne Brill 2008
Robert D. Briskman 2020
Luigi Broglio 1977
Arthur E. Bryson 1991
Adolf Buseman 1985
Wes Bush 2020
Dennis Bushnell 2016

E
Hugo Eckener 1936 (I)
George Edwards 1958
Charles Elachi 2018
Alan H. Epstein 2017

F
Maxine Faget 1985
Richard Fairey 1943 (I)
Sir William Farren 1953
A.H. Roy Fedden 1962 (I)
Daniel J. Fink 1980
Alexander H. Flax 1979
James Fletcher 1978
L. S. "Skip" Fletcher 2004
Edward Pearson Warner 1944
Fred Weick 1981
Charles Walker 1952 (I)
Edward Wells 1974
Richard T. Whitcomb 1980
Frank Whittle 1968
Sheila Widnall 2010
Thornton Wilson 1982
Orville Wright 1932 (I)
Theodore Wright 1945 (I)

Michael Yarymovych 2007
A. Thomas Young 1997

Abe Zarem 2008
Ben T. Zinn 2015