

# Royal Society of Edinburgh appoints new fellows

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) has made its annual announcement of a new cohort of Fellows of the prestigious society.

Among those receiving the honour are BAFTA and Emmy winning, satirist, Armando Iannucci and journalist, Sally Magnusson.

Others are from the fields of philanthropy, the arts and public health. The reason for nomination is "individual excellence" in their field, and the 57 honourees announced today join the list of 1800 fellows of the RSE which is Scotland's National Academy.

Armando Iannucci was elected as an honorary fellow and is known for award-winning films and programmes such as The Thick of It. He is vice president of the Royal Television Society and takes an active interest in political issues and democracy.

He said: "I am thrilled to be elected to the fellowship of the RSE. This is confirmation from the champions of the highest standards of academic and cultural excellence in Scotland, that writing jokes is an honourable pursuit."

Sally Magnusson was also elected as an honorary fellow, and this is in recognition of her charity work, and her own dementia charity Playlist for Life.

She said: "It is a tremendous honour to be elected as a fellow. The RSC has a centuries – old history as Scotland's National Academy, and I'm proud to belong to it. I look forward to playing my part in its long-standing mission to deploy knowledge for public good."

Others who have joined the list of fellows include professor Lorna Manson who is an outstanding leader in surgery. She is the first woman to be appointed professor of transplant surgery by the University of Edinburgh.



**The complete list of new Fellows 2024 is below:**

**RSE HONORARY FELLOWS 2024**

- **Armando Iannucci**  
Writer and political satirist
- **Professor David Croisdale-Appleby**  
Chair, Healthwatch England

## RSE CORRESPONDING FELLOWS 2024

- **Professor Alan Reid**

Professor of Mathematics, Rice University

- **Professor Ann Rigney**

Professor in Comparative Literature, Utrecht University

- **Professor De-Zhu Li**

Professor of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences Kunming Institute of Botany

- **Professor Donald Dingwell**

Director, Department for Earth and Environmental Sciences, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

- **Professor John Cioffi**

Professor Emeritus of Engineering, Stanford University

- **Professor Miguel Ferrer Baena**

Research Professor, Department of Ethology and Biodiversity Conservation, Spanish National Research Council

## RSE FELLOWS 2024

- **Dr Sally Magnusson**

Founder, Playlist for Life / Broadcaster and journalist

- **Dr Michael Welch**

President and CEO of Tirebuyer.com / Founder and Chairman of The Welch Trust

- **Michael P Clancy OBE WS**

Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland

- **Patrick Macdonald**

Chair, Institute of Directors

- **Ana Stewart**

Chair, Pathway Forward

- **Gillian Docherty OBE**

Chief Commercial Officer, University of Strathclyde

- **Laura Dunlop**

President, Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland

- **Leonie Bell**  
Director, V&A Dundee
- **Chris Stark**  
Chief Executive, Climate Change Committee
- **Professor Ailsa Hall**  
Former Director, Sea Mammal Research Unit
- **Professor Apala Majumdar**  
Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Strathclyde
- **Professor David Dockrell**  
Chair of Infection Medicine / Director of the Centre for Inflammation Research, University of Edinburgh
- **Professor Donna Heddle**  
Director, Institute for Northern Studies, University of the Highlands and Islands
- **Professor Elham Kashefi**  
Personal Chair in Quantum Computing, University of Edinburgh
- **Professor Emma Sutton**  
Professor of English, University of St Andrews
- **Professor Emma Thomson**  
Professor in Infectious Diseases (Virology), University of Glasgow
- **Professor Fiona Leverick**  
Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Glasgow
- **Professor Gabriela Medero**  
Associate Principal for Business and Enterprise / Professor in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering, Heriot Watt University
- **Professor George Batty**  
Professor of Epidemiology & Public Health, University College London
- **Professor Hamish Simpson**  
Professor of Orthopaedics and Trauma, and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University of Edinburgh
- **Professor J Ross Fitzgerald**

Personal Chair of Molecular Bacteriology, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Jason Gill**

Professor of Cardiometabolic Health, University of Glasgow

- **Professor Jason König**

Professor of Classics, University of St Andrews

- **Professor Jonathan Fraser**

Director of Research, Mathematics, University of St Andrews

- **Professor Judith Phillips**

Deputy Principal (Research), University of Stirling

- **Professor Keith Mathieson**

Professor of Neurophotonics, University of Strathclyde

- **Professor Kirsteen McCue**

Professor of Scottish Literature and Song Culture, University of Glasgow

- **Professor Kirsty Gunn**

Professor of Creative Writing, University of Dundee

- **Professor Lindsay Beevers**

Chair of Environmental Engineering and Head of Research Institute, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Lorna Marson**

Professor of Transplant Surgery at the Transplant Unit, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

- **Professor Malcolm Macleod**

Professor of Neurology and Translational Neurosciences, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Marc Dweck**

Professor of Clinical Cardiology, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Marc Vendrell**

Chair of Translational Chemistry and Biomedical Imaging, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Neil Carragher**

Professor of Drug Discovery, Institute of Genetics & Cancer, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor Nicole Busby**  
Professor of Human Rights, Equality and Justice,  
University of Glasgow
- **Professor Patrick Meir**  
Personal Chair in Ecosystem Science, School of  
Geosciences, University of Edinburgh
- **Professor Paul Foster**  
Professor in New Testament Language, Literature &  
Theology, University of Edinburgh
- **Professor Paul Mealor**  
Chair in Composition, University of Aberdeen
- **Professor Peter Hopkins**  
Professor of Social Geography, Newcastle University
- **Professor Ross Forgan**  
Professor of Supramolecular and Materials Chemistry,  
University of Glasgow
- **Professor Sarah Coulthurst**  
Professor of Microbial Interactions, University of  
Dundee
- **Professor Sayantan Ghosal**  
Adam Smith Chair in Political Economy, University of  
Glasgow
- **Professor Sinéad Collins**  
Professor of Microbial Evolution, University of  
Edinburgh
- **Professor Sonja Franke-Arnold**  
Professor in Atom and Quantum Optics, University of  
Glasgow
- **Professor Stephen Brusatte**  
Professor of Palaeontology and Evolution, University of  
Edinburgh
- **Professor Tom Guzik**  
Regius Chair of Physiology and Cardiovascular  
Pathobiology, University of Glasgow
- **Professor Vernon Gayle**  
Professor of Sociology and Social Statistics, University  
of Edinburgh

- **Professor Victoria Martin**

Professor of Collider Physics, University of Edinburgh

- **Professor William Buchanan**

Professor of Applied Cryptography, Edinburgh Napier University