



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. Nominees for Honorary Fellow are to be Fellows of the Institute in good standing. The maximum number of Honorary Fellows that may be elected per year is 4, with no more than 3 from the same country. The most qualified nominees shall be submitted by the Honors and Awards Committee to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

There have been only 248 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. Alfrend 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
Charles F. Bolden Jr. 2025
John G. Borger 1992
Yvonne Brill 2008
Robert D. Briskman 2020
Luigi Broglio 1977
Arthur E. Bryson 1991
Salvatore "Tory" Bruno 2022
Adolf Buseman 1985
Wes Bush 2020
Dennis Bushnell 2016

C

Frank W. Caldwell 1946
Renzo 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

Ralph S. Damon 1955 (I)
Marcel Dassault 1973
Smith DeFrance 1977

Geoffrey de Havilland 1946
(I)
Walter S. Diehl 1950 (I)
Allen Donovan 1994
James Doolittle 1947 (I)
Donald W. Douglas 1936 (I)
Earl Dowell 2004
Charles Draper 1958 (I)
Mark Drela 2023
William F. Durand 1935 (I)
Hugh L. Dryden 1939 (I)

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
Donald Fraser 2006
Herbert Friedman 1993
Robert A. Fuhrman 1987
Allen E. Fuhs, 2013

G
Alec Gallimore 2025
Eilene Galloway 2005
Lester D. Gardner 1954 (I)
Joseph G. Gavin 1988
Paul M. Germain 1981
William H. Gerstenmaier, 2013
Ivan Getting 1986
Robert Gilruth 1962 (I)
Edward Greitzer 2014
Jerry Grey 2007
Michael D. Griffin 2006
Leroy Grumman 1951 (I)
Harry F. Guggenheim 1956 (I)

H
Arnold Hall 1962
Wesley L. Harris 2022
Daniel E. Hastings 2021
Willis Hawkins 1984
William R. Hawthorne 1975
Ira G. Hedrick 1989
Edward Heinemann 1971
William Heiser 2010
Nicholas Hoff 1978
Kenneth F. Holtby 1989
Stanley Hooker 1970

John C. Houbolt 1981
G. Scott Hubbard 2019
Jerome Hunsaker 1933

I
Sam F. Iacobellis 1997
Steven J. Isakowitz 2025

J
Antony Jameson 2018
Clarence Kelly Johnson 1967
Clayton Jones 2005
B. Melvill Jones 1936 (I)
E.T. Jones 1959 (I)
Robert T. Jones 1979
Thomas V. Jones 1984
John L. Junkins 2011

K
Paul Kaminski 2014
Arthur R. Kantrowitz 1998
David Keith-Lucas 1974
Jack L. Kerrebrock 1998
James Kindelberger 1952 (I)
Christopher C. Kraft, Jr. 1981
Kent Kresa 1998
Roger A. Krone 2022
Hitoshi Kuninaka 2024

L
John Langford 2024
Boris Laschka 1999
Jerome Lederer 1987
Lester Lees 1983
Mark Lewis 2016
Hans W. Liepmann 1975
Michael J. Lighthill 1960 (I)
George W. Lewis 1940 (I)
Robert Liebeck 2010
William Littlewood 1957 (I)
Grover Loening 1971 (I)
Robert G. Loewy 1993
George M. Low 1977
Bo Lundberg 1957 (I)

M
Azad M. Madni 2024
James W. Mar 1992
Jean-Pierre Marec 2003
Hans Mark 2001
Glenn L. Martin 1937 (I)
Peter G. Masefield 1955 (I)
James G. Maser 2023
Charles McCarthy 1960 (I)
Henry McDonald 2008
James McDonnell 1968
Laura J. McGill 2026
John L. McLucas 1991
Duane McRuer 2002

George J. Mead 1938 (I)
Angelo Miele 2000
Rene H. Miller 1980
Clark B. Millikan 1948 (I)
George E. Mueller 1983
George K. Muellner 2014
Dennis A. Muilenburg 2019
Alan Mulally 2006
Earl L. Murman 2009
Dale D. Myers 2001

N
Gerhard Neumann 1978
Paul D. Nielsen 2012
John K. Northrop 1969

O
Herman Oberth 1969
Malcolm O’Neill 2007
Elaine S. Oran 2011

P
Frederick Handley Page 1944 (I)
John H. Parkin 1951 (I)
Bradford W. Parkinson 2017
Ellen M. Pawlikowski 2019
Courtland D. Perkins 1973
Dennis J. Picard 2000
William Pickering 1963
James W. Plummer 1992
Philippe Poisson-Quinton 2002
David Ian Poll, 2013
Ludwig Prandtl 1933 (I)
J. Lawrence Pritchard 1948 (I)
Allen E. Puckett 1986
D.R. Pye 1938 (I)

R
Arthur Raymond 1949 (I)
Simon Ramo 1979
Eberhard F. Rees 1990
Ben Rich 1991
Donald Richardson 2009
Harold W. Ritchey 2001
L. Eugene Root 1973
Maurice Roy 1961 (I)
T. Claude Ryan 1982

S
George Schairer 1976
Daniel J. Scheeres 2026
Wolfgang Schmidt 2005
Bernard A. Schriever 1989
Christopher Scolese 2024
Robert C. Seamans, Jr. 1969
William Sears 1976
Leonid I. Sedov 1964
Joseph Shea 1995 (I)

Gwynne E. Shotwell 2021
Heidi Shyu 2021
Igor I. Sikorsky 1962 (I)
Abe Silverstein 1982
William A. Sirignano 2023
Ronald Smelt 1981
Apollo Smith 1986
Richard Southwell 1954 (I)
Elmer A. Sperry, Jr. 1959 (I)
John Stack 1961 (I)
Robert J. Stevens 2012
H. Guyford Stever 1974
Jason L. Speyer 2020
Martin Summerfield 1996
Joseph F. Sutter 1990
George W. Sutton 2003
John Swihart 1996

T

Itiro Tani 1988
Geoffrey Taylor 1939 (I)
Peter Teets 2004
Daniel M. Tellep 1995
Henry Tizard 1950 (I)
David W. Thompson, 2013
John Tracy 2016
Robert C. Truax 2002
Andrie N. Tupelov 1971

V

H.J. van der Maas 1964
Wernher von Braun 1970
Theodore von Kármán 1936 (I)
Han von Ohain 1987

W

Steven H. Walker 2026
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)

Y

Michael Yarymovych 2007
A. Thomas Young 1997

Z

Abe Zarem 2008
Ben T. Zinn 2015

