MRS Honours

The MRS Honours System is a means of rewarding individuals’ personal achievements or services to the Society and the broader research, insight and analytics sector. The system consists of three levels with options for MRS members as well as non-practitioners/non-members.

For research, data and insight practitioners who support the sector through MRS membership and a career-dedication to the profession

For non-practitioners/non-members who support the sector through personal achievements in tangential fields or the business of research

The Gold Medal
Gold Medals are given for exceptional service beyond that of the Fellowship criteria and can recognise either a specific achievement or a lifelong devotion to a research sector cause/activity.

Fellowship
Fellowship is our most prestigious grade granted to long-tenured members who have demonstrated a significant contribution to the research, insight or data sector.

Certified Member
Our senior membership grade recognises the specific academic achievements and/or experience of practitioners who have progressed to a leadership level in research, insight or data.

The President’s Medal
The President’s Medal recognises extraordinary contributions to research, insight or data from those outside of traditional institutional frameworks and/or the sector.

Honorary Fellowship
Honorary Fellowships are awarded to eminent public and business figures who have championed, or who demonstrate, the power of research, insight or data from outside the sector.

Patron
Patrons are non-researchers who use their senior status in other sectors to represent and advocate for the value of research, insight or data or fly the flag for specific MRS initiatives.

Appointments for all MRS Honours are made by the Main Board, excluding the President’s Medal (which is awarded at the direct behest of the President of MRS in consultation with the Chair of Main Board and CEO) and Certified membership (which is earned directly).