

CIfA

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

The Road to Chartered Archaeologist: Feb 2019



Last month CIfA published its formal proposal for the introduction of a Chartered Archaeologist grade of membership. By now, all members should have received this via email. In this newsletter, we explore the proposals and the opportunities members have to get informed and engage between now and the EGM vote in April.

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Proposal published: Have you read it yet?

The proposal document was emailed to members on 15 January. We'd love to know what you think of it – you can email us at chartered@archaeologists.net with you thoughts, tweet us using the #ChartArch hashtag or even write us a letter!

In the coming months, we'll be discussing with members at a series of open meetings and online debates (see below), leading up to an EGM on 26 April at the ClfA Conference in Leeds. Accredited members will be asked to vote on a resolution to amend our Charter by-law to allow us to introduce this new, high level accreditation.

If you can't attend the EGM, you will be able to vote online from 25 March. You don't need to register and details will be circulated with the EGM papers before voting opens. If you vote online, you won't be able to vote again at the EGM and once you've cast your vote, you won't be able to change it so we hope that you will take the opportunity to ask any questions or engage in debate before casting your vote.

[You can download the proposal here.](#)

Recent FAQs: Where are we now?

We are keen to continue to work to answer questions and overcome any confusion or concern arising from the proposals. You can find our Frequently Asked Questions on our website at www.archaeologists.net/chartered, along with further information and previously published discussion.

From our conversations we are aware of several issues on which members have questions. We would like to emphasise that;

The proposals are purposefully broad

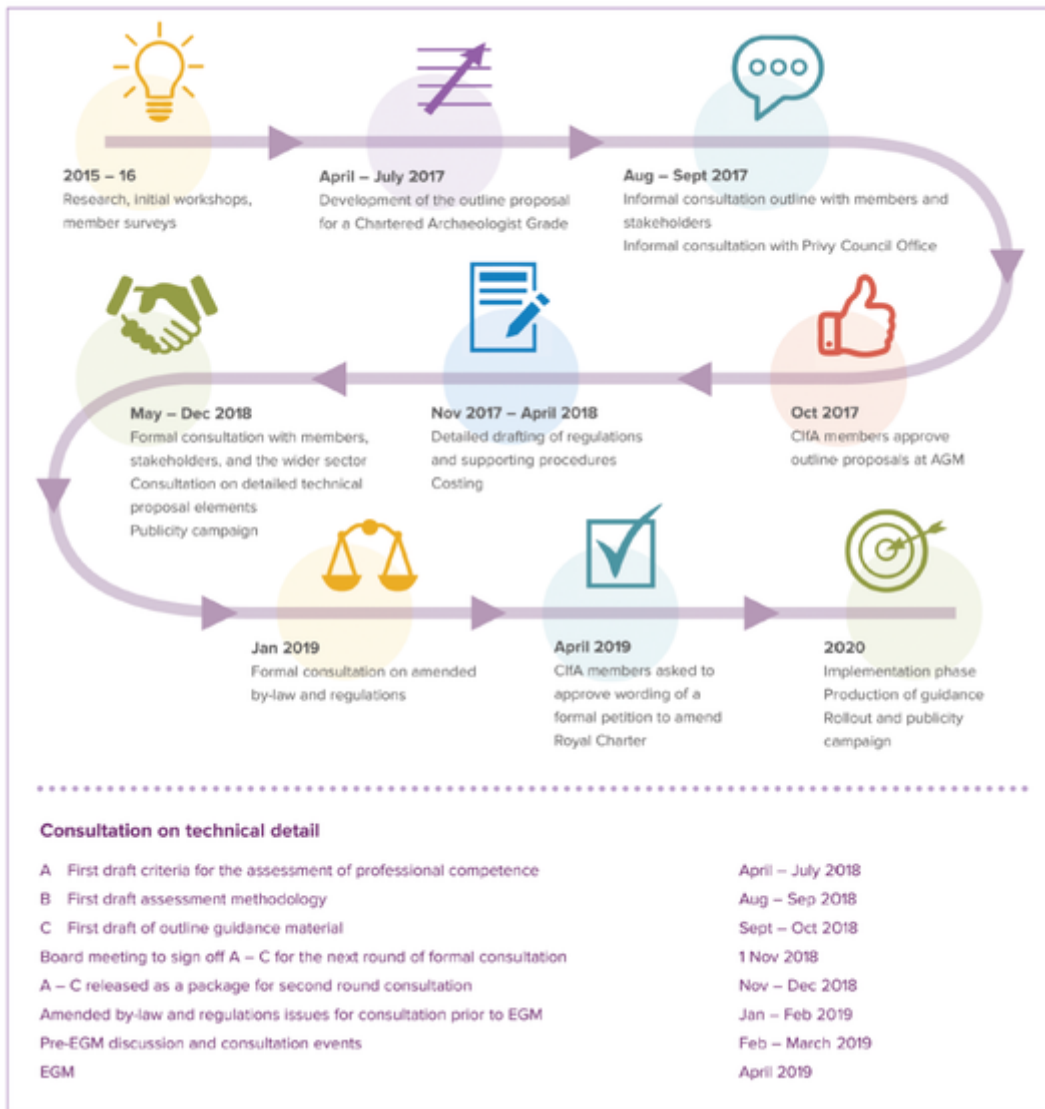
They are intended to give an outline of how Chartered Archaeologists will be assessed, and on what basis they will be Chartered. Chartered Archaeologist will be available to all branches of the profession, and we are keen to show members how specialists, academics, and archaeologists in others will be able to become Chartered. We will be producing case studies of 'what a Chartered Archaeologist looks like' over the coming months, in the run up to the vote. Detailed specialist guidance will be produced in due course, subject to the outcome of the vote in April.

The development is set to continue

Some members have raised issues of where the detailed policies and guidance underpinning the proposals are. At present, the proposal is structured with a level of detail appropriate for making an petition to the Privy Council to award ClfA the ability to award Chartered Archaeologist.

At this stage, there is still a long way to go before a Chartered Archaeologist grade could be implemented. We are reluctant to commit resources to the development of detailed aspects of process until the proposal has been passed by members and by the Privy Council. This detail includes precise policies underpinning commitments in the proposals, how criteria

apply to individual specialisms and detailed guidance on the processes of application and assessment.



Upcoming events and Town Hall meetings

We are running a series of events and ‘Town Hall’ meetings to discuss the proposals. Please feel free to drop in to these meetings for an opportunity to speak face to face with CfA staff, as well as members of the Board and Advisory Council and discuss the proposals.



The dates currently confirmed are;

- Edinburgh - 7 February 15:45 – 16:30pm at HES, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH
- London - 14 February 16:30 – 17:30pm at ORT House Conference Centre, 126 Albert St, Camden Town, London NW1 7NE
- York - 20 February 16:00 – 17:00pm at Bedern Hall, St Andrewgate, York, YO1 7AL

You do not need to book a place, but if you were able to email to tell us you plan to attend, it would give us a useful idea of numbers.

Site visits and online discussions

In addition to the above meetings, we are looking to arrange more visits and events. We will also be conducting an online Q&A hosted on the [BAJR \(British Archaeological Jobs Resource\) facebook page](#) closer to the date of the vote.

If your organisation might be interested in hosting a ClfA visit – to talk about accreditation, professionalism, chartered archaeologist or CPD – do let us know. We're particularly keen to visit site staff who might not otherwise have access to ClfA information and resources. Contact Elizabeth Durst, ClfA's Events Manager, to arrange a visit Elizabeth.durst@archaeologists.net.

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