

2024 RAS Membership Renewal Form – Online Payers

The Byelaws of the Royal Astronomical Society (approved May 2023) set out the privileges and obligations of being a Fellow. By becoming or continuing to be a member of the Society you are bound to the Code of Conduct for Members and the Universal Ethical Code of Scientists. Both of these can be found on our website: **www.ras.ac.uk**.

You have opted to pay your RAS membership fee online. Please pay online rather than sending a cheque where possible. Alternatively, please call +44 (0) 7516030497 to make a payment over the phone. We are no longer able to accept non-GBP cheques as the bank processing charges exceed the cost of membership.

Please note that we are currently working towards allowing Fellows to change their payment method from debit/credit card to Direct Debit online via the Fellows designated website. This online service will be available in early 2024; we will keep you posted. In the meantime, if you have a UK bank account and would like to switch to pay by Direct Debit, please contact the Membership Officer at **membership@ras.ac.uk**, who will email you a Direct Debit Instruction and advise when the Direct Debit collection can be made for your 2024 subscription.

Membership Fees for 2024

Rate 3: Fellows who completed full-time education **before** 1st January 2019; **£155.00**

Rate 2(a): Early career researcher Fellows: Fellows who ceased to be eligible for rate 1 having completed their full-time education after 1st January 2019 and are in the early stages of a career in astronomy, geophysics, or a related subject; **£104.00**

Rate 2(b): Early career researcher Fellows: Fellows who **were** registered full-time students in 2023, but are **not** students in 2024; **£69.50**

Rate 1: Fellows who, on 1st January 2024, are undergraduate or postgraduate students studying astronomy, geophysics or a related subject, at a rate equivalent to at least 25% of full-time study. Fellows may only apply for this rate for up to 9 years; **£30.00**

Students

If you are a student on 1 January 2024 then to be eligible for the reduced rate you will need to provide proof of your student status. Please complete the student declaration on page 4 or provide a recent headed letter/acceptance letter from your institution or a screen grab of your student portal. The proof must confirm the subject you are studying and whether it is at least 25% of full-time study.

Journal Subscriptions

Fellows wishing to purchase personal print copies of *The Observatory* or *Journal of the History of Astronomy* for the calendar year 2024 may do so at the rates below (In addition to their free access to the online versions).

	Observatory UK Resident	Observatory Non-UK Resident	Journal History Astronomy
Fellows on Rate 3	£30.00	£50.00	£40.00
Fellows on Rate 2a/b	£30.00	£50.00	£32.00
Registered Students	£30.00	£50.00	£32.00

Notes:

1. The rates for *non-student* Fellows who are members of the Institute of Physics (IOP) are abated by 25%:
Rate 3: £116.50 Rate 2a: £78.00 Rate 2b: £52.00
2. Fellows on *rate 3* and who are also members of the Geological Society London (GSL) can claim a 25% discount.
3. Fellows aged 65 or over, who are also of at least 15 years standing, may request to pay a concessionary rate of £30.00. Please contact the Membership Officer at **membership@ras.ac.uk**.
4. Fellows who, before 2003, exercised their rights under bye-law 39 are exempt from paying.
5. Fellows may pay their 2024 dues (£15) to the *RSC Astrophysical Chemistry Group* via the RAS. To become a member please visit their website **www.astrochemistry.org.uk**.
6. Fellows are able to join the *European Astronomical Society* free of charge providing you have or are studying for a PhD in astronomy, geophysics, or a related subject. If you wish to join the EAS please log in to the Fellows' website and select the option under the Fellowship Details tab: **https://fellows.ras.ac.uk**.

Data Protection

The Society maintains an electronic database which holds personal data including your name, address, bank details (if you pay by direct debit), details of Society appointments and other personal data. We take the protection of your personal data seriously. We do not sell your data. For more information, please visit our website to read our Privacy Policy – paper copies are available on request.

Online Payers

Log in to the Fellows' website: **www.fellows.ras.ac.uk** and click the 'Renew' tab to pay your membership fee. If an incorrect amount is listed for you, please contact the Membership Officer at **membership@ras.ac.uk**. Each subscription (i.e. membership fee, *The Observatory* etc.) will need to be paid as separate transactions.

Cheque Payers

If you are unable to pay online or over the phone, GBP cheques need to be made payable to 'Royal Astronomical Society' and posted, along with this form, to: Membership Officer, Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BQ.

If the amount on the cheque covers multiple items (i.e. membership fee, *The Observatory* etc.) please provide a breakdown here:

If your contact details have changed please let us know by one of the following methods:

1. Log in to the Fellows' website **www.fellows.ras.ac.uk**. Click 'contact details' (under 'Fellowship Details'). Edit your address as needed and click Save.
2. Write your new details below and return this form by email **membership@ras.ac.uk** or post.

Full Name: _____		Membership number: _____	
Postal Address (including post/zip code)			

Telephone: _____		Email: _____	

Changes to your status (tick as appropriate) :

- ☐ I am a student and have completed the student declaration/provided other proof of student status.
- ☐ I am not a student but completed full-time education **after** 1 January 2019. Date of completion (dd/mm/yy): _____
- ☐ I confirm that I exercised my right under bye-law 39 **before 1 January 2003** and am exempt from paying fees.
- ☐ I am an Honorary Fellow and am exempt from paying fees.
- ☐ I am entitled to pay the concessionary rate of £30 who have paid a Membership Subscription for the total of 15 years shall be eligible upon application to the Treasurer in writing under bye-law 39 (**65 before 1 January 2003**)
- ☐ I am a member of the Institute of Physics for 2024. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I am a member of the Geological Society London for 2024. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I wish to remain/become a member of the British Geophysical Association in 2024.
- ☐ I wish to stop receiving a paper renewal form and receive renewal notification by *email only*.

I understand that *A&G, The Observatory and Journal for the History of Astronomy* are all supplied at special subscription prices for my personal use only. I undertake that I will not allow these to be used as Library copies.

Signed: Dated:

Student Declaration for 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

I certify that..... is an undergraduate student, or postgraduate student studying at a rate equivalent to at least 25% of full-time study,

Studying (astronomy/ geophysics or a related subject) in this department, and they wish to apply for the reduced rate for the year 2024.

Signature (Departmental Head or Supervisor)

Name in capitals.....Position.....

Date.....

Official stamp giving name & address of Institution