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New Members Form 2026

2026 Membership rates (The rates will drop to 50% from 1 st July. Excludes the student rate.)	Standard rate	With 25% IOP/GSL discount
Rate 3: Fellows who completed full-time study <i>before</i> 1 st Jan 2021	£165	£82
Rate 2: Fellows who completed full-time study <i>after</i> 1 st Jan 2021	£110	£55
Rate 1: Fellows who, at the time of election, are studying astronomy, geophysics or a closely related subject and are either • full-time students at undergraduate level or higher • part-time students studying at a rate equivalent to at least 25% of full-time study Fellows may only apply for this rate for up to 9 years.	2026 - £5	N/A

Important Notes

1. Rates for *non-student* Fellows who are members of the Institute of Physics are abated by 25%. Fellows who are members of the Geological Society receive a 25% discount if **paying rate 3 only**.
2. Fellows may pay their 2026 dues to the *RSC Astrophysical Chemistry Group* by adding £15. To become a member, please visit their website www.astrochemistry.org.uk

Fellows can also purchase personal printed copies of the *Journal for the History of Astronomy* for the calendar year 2026 at the following rates below. From January 2026, *The Observatory* magazine will be available to everyone as a free downloadable PDF from the www.obsmag.org website. There will be no hard copy of the magazine.

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	Journal for the History of Astronomy
Fellows on rate 3	£40.00
Fellows on rate 2	£32.00
Students	£32.00

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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. For more information, please visit our website to read our Privacy Policy – paper copies are available on request.

Your contact details will be made available to other Fellows of the Society if you tick the following box:

Allow my details to be made available to other Fellows ☐

If your details have changed since submitting your application form, please complete the section below:

Full Name: _____

Postal Address (including post/zip code)

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Membership 2026 - please 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* 1st January 2021.
Date of completion (dd/mm/yy): _____
- ☐ I wish to become/remain a member of the British Geophysical Association in 2026**
- ☐ I wish to apply for free membership of the European Astronomical Society (you must have a PhD or be currently studying for a PhD to apply) ***
- ☐ I confirm I am a member of the Institute of Physics for 2026, membership number:.....
- ☐ I confirm I am a member of the Geological Society for 2026, membership number:.....I
- ☐ confirm I am a member of the International Astronomical Union. Date
Accepted:.....
- ☐ I wish to subscribe to a journal. Please specify: _____
- ☐ I wish to purchase a certificate of Fellowship.
- ☐ I wish to make a voluntary donation to the RAS, amount: £_____

****** By ticking the box to become or remain a member of the British Geophysical Association (BGA) you are agreeing that the RAS will share your name and email address with the BGA so that they may contact you directly. The RAS is not responsible for how the BGA processes personal data.

******* By ticking the box to request to join the European Astronomical Society (EAS) you are agreeing that the RAS will share your name, affiliation, country of residence, email address and IAU membership status with the EAS. We will also inform the EAS if you have paid the student fee (Rate 1) as you may be eligible for EAS Junior Membership. The RAS is not responsible for how the EAS processes personal data.

Student Declaration for 1st January 2026 – 31st December 2026

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

Studying(an astronomy/ geophysics or a related subject) in this department, and he/she wishes to apply for the reduced rate for the year 2026.

Signature (Departmental Head or Supervisor)

Name in capitals.....

Position.....

Date.....

**Official stamp giving name
& address of Institution**

FORM OF OBLIGATION TO THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

I agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct, Charter and Bye-Laws of the Society, to advance its objects and to avoid bringing it into disrepute. I understand that A&G and where requested, MNRAS, GJl and the Journal for the History of Astronomy are provided for my personal use only.

Signature_____ Date _____