

2027 RAS Membership Renewal Form – for early career, IOP/GSL 25%, students and concessionary.

The Byelaws of the Royal Astronomical Society (approved May 2026) 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 already opted to pay your RAS membership fee by direct debit. The accompanying personalised letter states the amount that will be debited from your bank/ building society account on or around 28 January 2027.

We now offer the monthly direct debit option to Fellows who pay the full member rate or are affiliated with the IOP or GSL, or on the early-career rate. Regrettably, we do not offer the monthly direct debit option to those who are on a student or concessionary rate.

The monthly direct debit has 10 collections commencing on or around the 28th of each month from January to October annually. There is no extra charge to you for choosing the monthly direct debit option. If you need to make any changes to your direct debit, please cancel your direct debit with your bank first. Once cancelled, contact membership@ras.ac.uk to be sent an annual/monthly direct debit instruction. **Please note this needs to be set up on our system no later than 18 December 2026.**

Membership Fees for 2027

Rate 3: Fellows who completed full-time education **before** 1st January 2022; **£170.00**

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 2022, and are in the early stages of a career in astronomy, geophysics, or a related subject; **£114.00**

Rate 2(b): Early career researcher Fellows: Fellows who **were** registered full-time students in 2026 but are **not** students in 2027; **£76.00**.

Rate 1: Fellows who, on 1st January 2027, 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; **£33.00**

Students

If you are a student on 1 January 2027, then to be eligible for the reduced rate, you will need to provide proof of your student status. If you are unable to get the student declaration on page 4 signed and stamped by your university, a recent headed letter/acceptance letter from your institution or a screen grab of your student portal will suffice. Please note, the proof must confirm the subject and whether it is at least 25% of full-time study.

Journal Subscriptions

Fellows wishing to purchase personal print copies of the *Journal of the History of Astronomy* for the calendar year 2027 may do so at the rates below. *The Observatory* is, as of 2025, an online-only journal and is available to everyone as a free downloadable PDF from the www.obsmag.org website.

	Journal History Astronomy
Fellows on Rate 3	£40.00
Fellows on Rate 2a/b	£32.00
Registered Students	£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: **£127.00** Rate 2: **£85.00** Rate 2b: **£57.00**
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 £33. Please make an application in writing to **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 2026 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 contact **membership@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.

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

1. Log on to the Fellows' website (www.fellows.ras.ac.uk). Click 'Contact details' (under 'My 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 direct debit (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 2022.
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 £33 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 2027. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I am a member of the Geological Society London for 2027. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I wish to pay my 2027 fee to the RSC Astrophysical Chemistry Group.
- ☐ I wish to remain/ become a member of the British Geophysical Association in 2027.
- ☐ I wish to subscribe to a journal. Please specify: _____



- ☐ I wish to unsubscribe to a journal. Please specify: _____
- ☐ I wish to stop receiving a paper renewal form and receive renewal notification by *email only*.

I understand that *A&G* and the *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 2027 – 31st December 2027

I certify that..... is 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 2027.

Signature (Departmental Head or Supervisor)

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

Date.....

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