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RSC Membership Guidance

As the oldest chemical society in the world, the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is dedicated to advancing excellence in the chemical sciences. With a community of over 60,000 members, we connect chemical scientists across the globe, providing the essential tools, resources, and networking opportunities needed to shape your career and stay at the forefront of your profession.

We offer five distinct membership categories (AFF, AFU, AMRSC, MRSC, and FRSC) tailored to your specific career stage and experience level, each featuring dedicated benefits. We warmly welcome your application and look forward to advancing the chemical sciences together.

1. RSC membership categories, requirements and subscription rates

Membership Category	Relevant Requirements
Affiliate (AFF)	Awarded to individuals who do not yet have a formal chemical science qualification but are passionate about chemistry
Student (AFU)	Awarded to undergraduate students currently studying a degree in the chemical sciences.
Associate Member (AMRSC)	Awarded to individuals who have degree level knowledge of the chemical sciences and are building professional experience
Member (MRSC)	Awarded to individuals with at least three years of professional experience alongside a degree in the chemical sciences
Fellow (FRSC)	Awarded to individuals who have been in a senior position for more than five years and have made outstanding contribution to the chemical sciences

Membership Category	Subscription Rates (£)				
	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years [†]	4 Years	5 Years [†]
Affiliate (AFF)	115		327		517
Student (AFU) [‡]	25	45	68	90	
Associate Member (AMRSC)	104		296		468
Member (MRSC)	170		484		765
Fellow (FRSC)	204		581		918

[†] A 5% discount applies to a three-year upfront membership payment, and a 10% discount applies to a five-year upfront payment.

[‡] Students from developing countries (including China) are entitled to a 50% reduction in membership fees.

2. RSC Membership Benefits

As a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), you gain access to a wealth of opportunities designed to support your career, enhance your professional development, and connect you with a global community of chemical scientists. Whether you're a student, early-career professional, or experienced scientist, your membership provides unparalleled opportunities for growth, recognition, and collaboration.

Knowledge, Insight and Relevant Resources

- Chemistry World subscription
- Journal access and APC discount
- Book discount
- Archived recordings of RSC seminars, conferences and forums (exclusive to RSC members)

Funding and Grants

- Research Fund (for AMRSC and above)
- Researcher Development and Travel Grant
- Researcher Collaborations Grants (for AMRSC and above)
- Sustainable Laboratories Grant
- Accessibility and Carer Grants
- Chemists' Community Fund

Professional Development and Support

- Eligibility to apply for or be nominated for a wide range of RSC Prizes and Awards
- Eligibility to apply for Professional Development Awards which demonstrate your experience and ongoing commitment to continuous professional development
- Free access to 8 subject communities and 72 interest groups, getting connected with chemical scientists worldwide
- One-to-one career support (for AMRSC and above) – confidential consultations providing a dedicated space to discuss your professional development, tailored guidance on CV preparation and mock interviews
- Lower rates for RSC conferences, workshops, and networking sessions

For more membership benefits, please visit: www.rsc.org/membership

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