



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Incorporated in the ACT
ABN 37 660 297 848







Membership Categories

Individual Memberships	
Honorary Fellow	The ASA Council may elect a person an Honorary Fellow to recognise distinguished contributions to the promotion or extension of the knowledge of astronomy, in particular service to the Society. A list of all Honorary Fellows to date is available here .
Fellow (FASA)	A Fellow is a person with an established record in astronomical research, usually having at least 8 to 10 years of postdoctoral experience and having been a primary contributor to at least 10 well-regarded research papers in refereed astronomical journals. Fellows of the ASA are entitled to use the initials FASA after their names. Those wishing to transfer from Member to Fellow can do so using the usual Edit Membership form and supplying a CV. <i>Fellows may request International or Retired status to qualify for a reduced membership fee.</i>
Full member (MASA)	Ph.D. graduates (or equivalent) in astronomy, or others who have contributed to the advancement of astronomy through research or education may be elected Full Members. Winners of many of the Society's Awards and others invited by Council may also be Full Members. Full Members of the ASA are entitled to use the initials MASA after their names. Note that amateur astronomers are <i>not</i> normally ASA members unless they a strong involvement in astronomical research programs or astronomical education/communication. <i>Full Members may request International or Retired status to qualify for a reduced membership fee.</i>
Student member	Undergraduate (usually Honours) or Graduate students working towards a degree in astronomy or a related subject may be Student Members while they remain students.
Honorary Associate member	Winners of the Berenice and Arthur Page Medal are eligible for admission as Honorary Associate Members with the privileges of an Associate Member but without a membership fee. They may also choose admission as a Full Member.
Associate member	Educators, science communicators, or others such as distinguished amateur astronomers, who have a demonstrated dedication to the advancement of astronomy may be elected as Associate Members. <i>Associate Members may request International status to qualify for a reduced membership fee.</i>

Membership Status – contact the [secretary](#) to request a change in status

International	Members living and working overseas are eligible for a reduced membership fee through the International membership grade. International members retain the privileges of the substantive membership grade for which they are eligible (usually Full Member or Fellow).
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Retired	Full Members or Fellows who have attained the age of 55 and do not intend to be in paid employment for more than 10 hours per week are regarded as retired and are eligible for a reduced membership fee through the Retired membership grade. Retired members retain the privileges of the substantive membership grade for which they are eligible.
Alumni	Members who resign their membership can elect to remain as a member of the alumni of the ASA. Alumni do not receive regular ASA emails or other benefits of ASA membership. However, they may receive occasional updates on ASA activities and invitations to share the story of their career path outside of astronomy with our ECR members .

Other memberships	
Associate Society member	Any society that has demonstrated a dedication to the advancement of astronomy may be elected as an Associate Society Member.
Corporate member	Any registered company, institution, association or other organisation may become corporate Members of the Society. Current Corporate Members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  Australian Astronomical Observatory <li style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  Astronomy Australia Limited <li style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  Australia Telescope National Facility <li style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing, Swinburne University of Technology <li style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Australian National University <li style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  The University of Sydney Physics Foundation

All grades of Members other than Associates, Associate Societies and Students are entitled to vote in Society Ballots.

Honorary Members and Prize winners now receive membership certificates. Fellows and Members can get a certificate on request.

All grades of member receive a free subscription to the Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia (PASA), the Society's refereed journal, as a privilege of membership. Personal access to PASA can be activated by contacting the PASA Editorial Office for the login details associated with your subscription. However, most members also have access through their institution's subscription.