



ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

Application for Admission as a Member

To
Secretary, ASI

Note: Complete the application form and send the same to the secretary, ASI. Please do not send any money until you hear from the Treasurer, ASI about your membership status.

Sir/Madam,

I hereby apply for the Membership of the Astronomical Society of India. If admitted, I agree to abide by the constitution of the Society. My particulars are given below:

Name (in block letters) :
Address :

Institutional Affiliation (if any) :

Date of birth :

Qualifications :

No. of papers published :
(attach extra sheets for details)

Field of Specialization :

Phone no.: Fax no.: e-mail:

Any other relevant information :
(attach extra sheets for details)

Type of Membership applied for : **Associate / Student / Donor / Life(*)**

Date: Signature:

(To be filled in by sponsors)

Type of Membership recommended: Associate / Student / Donor / Life

Signature and name of Signature:
two Regular/Life members Name & ASI No.:

Signature:
Name & ASI No.:

(For office use only)

Secretary

Admitted as a Associate / Student / Donor / Life member

vide EC Resolution No. _____ Dated _____

Treasurer

Received Rs. _____ towards admission fee and Rs. _____ towards subscription

For the calendar year _____ on (Date): _____

Date of admission: _____ Membership number: _____

ASI Membership: Rules and Regulations

1. (a) The Astronomical Society of India or Bharatiya Jyotivignyana Parishad, hereinafter referred to as the 'Society' or 'Parishad' shall have the following categories of members: Regular members (*), Life members, Associate members, Student members, Institutional members, Donor members and Honorary fellows.

The regular/Life members shall form the General Body of the Society in which shall vest the primary authority in all the matters concerning the Society. The Society shall function through the General Body and through such Chapters as may be constituted by the general body from time to time. For the purposes of day-to-day administration of matters relating to the Society, the general body shall from time to time, elect from amongst its members an Executive Council hereinafter referred to as the Council, in such manner as hereinafter prescribed in these Rules and Regulations.

(b) Admission to all categories of membership, other than Honorary fellowship, shall be made by the Council on consideration of applications for such membership. The secretary shall communicate the decision on an application within one month after the decision is taken. A newly admitted member must pay the admission fee and annual subscription within six months of admission to membership failing which his/her admission to membership shall stand cancelled.

2. The admission fee and annual subscriptions to the various categories of membership shall be fixed by the Council with a provision to alter the same if and when necessary.

The current fees are (#):	INDIA	OVERSEAS
Life membership (*):	Rs. 3000	Rs. 3000
Regular (*)/Associate membership:	Rs 1,500 per term and duration of membership term is 5 years	US\$ 125 per term and duration of membership term is 5 years
Student membership:	Rs. 1000 per term and duration of membership term is 5 years	
Institutional membership:	Rs. 100000 minimum	
Donor membership:	Rs. 10000	US\$ 500

The above table reflects the changes to the ASI membership policy and fee which were adopted during the General Body Meeting held on the 14th of February, 2020 during the 38th annual meeting of the Astronomical Society of India held at IISER Tirupati. These changes will take effect from the 1st of August, 2020.

3. The eligibility and procedure of admission for various categories of membership shall be as follows:

(a) **Life members (*):** Any person who is capable of preparing acceptable papers in some subject of Astronomy or related branch of science shall be eligible for a life membership of the Society. An application for a life membership must be supported by two Regular /Life members. A Regular/Life member shall have the right to attend meetings of the General Body and to vote and shall be eligible to hold an elective office.

(b) **Associate members:** Any person interested in Astronomy who is not eligible to become a life member may be admitted as an Associate member provided his/her application for membership is supported by two Regular/Life members. An Associate member may attend the meetings of the General Body, but shall have no right to vote or hold an elective office.

(c) **Student members:** Any person studying Astronomy or a related branch of science may be admitted as a Student member for such period until he/she becomes eligible for a regular membership. The student membership is valid for a term of 5 years. If a Student member meets the criterion for becoming a Life member and chooses to apply for Life membership while their Student membership is valid, they only need to pay the difference between the Life membership and Student membership fee. There is no age limit for Student membership. An application for a Student membership should be supported by two regular members. A Student member can attend the business meetings of the General body only as an observer, and has no right to vote or to hold an elective office.

(d) **Institutional members:** Observatories, Research Institutions, Educational Institutions and Commercial or Industrial organizations associated with Astronomy or related branches of science would be eligible for admission as Institutional members. They shall be entitled to send one representative to the meetings of the General Body who shall not have the right to vote or to hold an elective office.

(e) **Donor members:** Any person who donates a sum specified by the Council under the provision of Rule 2 above, to the Society may be admitted as a Donor member. Such a member shall have all privileges of a Regular/Life member except the right to vote or hold an elective office.

(f) **Honorary fellows:** Upon nomination by not less than five Regular/Life members, the Council may elect distinguished astronomers as Honorary fellows who shall have all the privileges of regular/life membership without payment of any dues. Only one Honorary fellow may be elected in any one year and the total number of honorary fellows shall not exceed ten at any given time.

A member who fails to clear his/her annual dues by the end of the calendar year shall be deemed to have lost his/her membership. He/she may however be readmitted without paying the admission fee provided all the arrears up to the date of readmission are cleared.

Any member whose conduct is considered by the Council as prejudicial to the interests of the Society may be expelled after first being given an opportunity to explain his/her conduct to the Council.

**The 23rd ASI-GBM held in Nainital on February 23, 2005, has approved that the Society will admit persons fulfilling the desired requirements for REGULAR membership in the LIFE category only. There will be no change in the status of the existing regular members, unless they opt to apply for LIFE membership.*

*** The GBM held during the 40th meeting of the Astronomical Society of India, on the 26th of March, 2022, at Roorkee, approved the resolution. It was decided to have a common life membership fee for all such members as decided from time to time, irrespective of their affiliation and/or citizenship.*