

## Society membership subscription rates 2023

Members are invited to approve the membership subscription rates for 2023, and note that it is recommended that an adjustment should be made only to the Full membership subscription rates and all other membership rates should remain the same.

### 1. Background

The Society's membership continues to grow through the combination of a quality membership offering, affordability, and the good will of the membership, which continues to speak highly of the organisation. To continue developing the membership, we need to ensure we maintain the balance between the cost of what we offer, the price we charge for it, and the value our members place on membership. We also need to consider environmental, economic and political factors and their impact on our members themselves. This year, we propose that the subscription rate for 2023 should remain the same as in 2022 for all categories except for Full Membership, for which a modest increase is proposed.

### 2. Recent history of Society subscription rates

In our recommendations for 2022, we proposed no change to the subscription rate, due to the small increase in the previous year. We continue to invest time and research into growing areas of interest for our members and potential members while maintaining our activities to support our members' interests. Our members' sustained engagement with the Society has enabled us to bring back our successful in person events including the Annual Conference 2022, the President's Roadshow, and our busiest Focused Meeting schedule to date, including the return of the Early Career Microbiologists' (ECM) Forum Summer Conference. We continue to advocate for our ECMs by publicising the position statement published in late 2021, and support our Champions to fly the flag for the Society in their local areas by bringing them together virtually. Finally, our Online Research Platform is just one innovation in the suite of opportunities to support the whole microbiology community. We are planning for activities to support members and authors over the coming months and years in both the physical and virtual realms in order to support our international community, from improving our data collection and understanding of members to supporting members to make strides in tackling the big questions of our time, including antimicrobial resistance.

### 3. Proposed subscription rates for 2023

The proposed subscription rates for 2023 are shown in Table 1. 2022 and 2023 will see a significant digital transformation of the Society's activities in order to better serve its international members and those working in sectors such as industry and infection science. As those activities will lead to an enhanced range of benefits to all members wherever they are based, we will be likely to propose an increase to all membership fees for 2024.

Table 1. Microbiology Society membership subscription rates over the years, and the proposed rates for 2023, highlighted.

|                              | <b>2016<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2017<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2018<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2019<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2020<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2021<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2022<br/>(£)</b> | <b>2023<br/>(£)</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Full</b>                  | 75                  | 77                  | 77                  | 79                  | 79                  | 82                  | 82                  | 84                  |
| <b>Full Concessionary</b>    | 33                  | 35                  | 35                  | 38                  | 38                  | 41                  | 41                  | 41                  |
| <b>Postgraduate Student</b>  | 33                  | 35                  | 35                  | 38                  | 38                  | 41                  | 41                  | 41                  |
| <b>Undergraduate Student</b> | 15                  | 15                  | 15                  | 17                  | 17                  | 18                  | 18                  | 18                  |
| <b>Affiliate</b>             | 15                  | Free                |