

Your 5 minute guide to **Associate membership**

Key points

- Pharmacists registered overseas are now eligible for Associate membership of the Society
- Associate members are entitled to use the letters ARPharmS after their name
- Associate members have access to all the Society's services including the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, PJ online, discounts on Pharmaceutical Press titles and access to online groups



Can pharmacists based overseas be members of the Society?

Yes. Previously only pharmacists who were registered with or had ever been registered with the GB regulator were eligible for membership of the Society. However, in December 2010 our members voted overwhelmingly in favour of introducing an Associate member category.

How do I know if I'm eligible for Associate membership?

The Associate category is applicable to anyone who holds a degree in pharmacy from an institution recognised by the Society but who is not (yet) eligible to become a Member. The Society currently uses the International Pharmaceutical Federation's (FIP) official world list of Pharmacy Schools as its recognised list of schools. To check if you are eligible for membership please contact membership@rpharms.com

What does the Royal Pharmaceutical Society do?

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is the dedicated professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy in Great Britain.

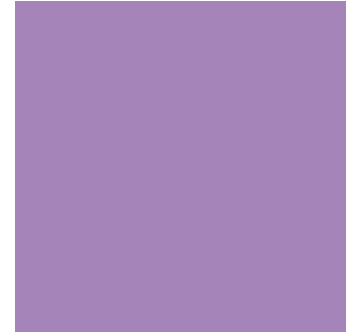
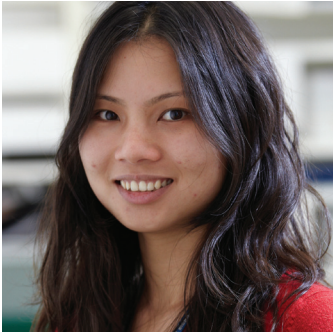
We are the only body in Great Britain which represents all sectors of the profession. We're here to promote and represent the professional interests of our members.

The Society provides its members with the support and development they need to fulfil their professional potential, offering access to a range of services.

We work tirelessly to raise the profile of the profession, so that the role of pharmacy is understood and recognised by governments, other health professionals, patients and the public.

Regulation of pharmacists in Great Britain is undertaken by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). Pharmacists must be registered with the GPhC to practise in Great Britain.





What are the benefits to overseas pharmacists of becoming members of the Society?

As a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society you will be part of a world renowned organisation, and you will also have the kudos that comes from being part of an organisation with a 'Royal' title.

You will have access to discounts on all Pharmaceutical Press titles. Pharmaceutical Press is the publishing division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, and is a leading provider of worldwide drug information in the science and practice of pharmacy. We produce major reference works such as Martindale, Stockleys and the British National Formulary (BNF).

As a member you'll receive the *Pharmaceutical Journal* and also have access to PJ online. With its comprehensive coverage of pharmacy news, technical articles and reviews on medicines and medicines use, as well as its continuing professional development section, it really is the essential read for pharmacists.

Associate members can use the designatory letters ARPharmS after their name, signalling that they are an Associate member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Membership will also allow you to network with pharmacists from Great Britain and around the world, through our online networks. We have a dedicated group for overseas pharmacists as well as interest based groups such as our Secure Environment Pharmacists group or our Industrial Pharmacists group.

While the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has focused on Great Britain, it has a worldwide reputation and recognition. Becoming a member of the Society will allow you to be part of this.

How much does membership cost?

The annual fee for Associate members based overseas is £100. Our membership year starts on 1 March. Anyone joining after this time pays on a pro rata basis. So for example if you joined at the start of July, you would pay £67. This is equivalent to 8 months membership.

Where can I find out more about membership?

To find out more visit the Society's website www.rpharms.com/membership. Alternatively if you'd like to contact a member of the team you can call them on 00 44 207 572 2737 and select option 2 for membership, or email membership@rpharms.com.

Here's a summary of all the services that the Society offers

Support	Recognise	Network	Lead	Develop
Dedicated Support Team	Recognising the profession	Local practice forums	Influencing policy development and advocacy - representing your views	Continuing professional development support
Practice guidance and professional support tools	Recognising your commitment	Online groups	National Pharmacy Boards	Developing your practice
Career support	Recognising your development	Mentoring service	Expert advisory panels	Access to online library resources
Research support	Recognising the profession's history	Events programme	Working with expert groups to respond to consultations	<i>Pharmaceutical Journal</i>
Library support services	Recognising pharmacy as a career of choice		Leading the development of the profession	Discounts on all publishing titles and events
Historical services				

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