



National Astronomy Meeting 2016: Carers' Grants

The Royal Astronomical Society recognises that many delegates who attend or who would like to attend the National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) have caring responsibilities, whether this is for children, elderly or disabled relatives or friends. As a result, they are sometimes prevented from attending the conference because there is no provision for the extra costs incurred in paying for the additional care needed while they are away.

The grant scheme, introduced on a trial basis for NAM 2016, aims to contribute towards these additional costs of care when attending events, meetings and conferences.

We appreciate that the arrangements that NAM 2016 delegates will put in place will be many and varied, and therefore we do not wish to place restrictions on how the grant will be used, except that it must be used towards the costs associated with additional care for the person or people that the delegate cares for.

Submitting an application

Applications must be submitted by 27 May 2016. A decision will normally be made within two weeks of receipt of your application. Retrospective applications will not normally be accepted.

An application form may be obtained [here](#).
All sections of the application form must be completed.

The total grant fund available for each successful applicant is limited and applications are reviewed in order of the date they are received.

Eligibility

Any NAM 2016 delegate is eligible to apply for a grant, up to a maximum of £250.

Payment

All recipients are requested to produce a short form following the event, confirming attendance and any benefit obtained from attendance. You may also wish to comment on the effectiveness of the fund in contributing to your additional costs.

The grant will normally be paid after you have attended the event and the report has been received. If you feel that you cannot attend without receiving payment beforehand, please contact the Office, Events and Buildings Manager (awards@ras.org.uk or telephone +44 (0)20 7734 3307).