

The Solar Chemicals Network

Carers Award

Information and Application Form

The Solar Chemicals Network recognises that for some researchers caring responsibilites can present a major obsticle to event participation. We have therefore set up the Solar Chemicals Network Carers Award to offset additional childcare costs incurred by our members attending events.

This Award is intended to assist Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs), Post-Doctoral Research Assistants (PDRAs) and Early Career Researchers (ECRs)\* registered or employed by UK universities to present their work or participate at Solar Chemicals related events.

The Carers Award is open to applicants four times a year, **in line with the Travel Awards Scheme, in October, January, April and July**, our last call will be October 2025. It will contribute up to £500 towards the cost of additional childcare costs incurred when attending our events (including online events).

Additional caring costs may occur if you are required to:

* Participate in events on what would normally be a non-working day.
* Work extended hours on a normal working day.
* Attend meetings with overnight stays.

**NOTES**

The Solar Chemicals Carers Fund

* is **not** intended to reimburse any costs that form part of someone’s normal care arrangements.
* will fund the cost up to a total contribution of £500.
* applicants must be registered/employed at a UK university and must be Solar Chemicals Network members.
* only the applicant can be refunded and the applicant’s name must appear on all receipts.

**Expenses will be paid post-meeting and will be refunded by the University of Liverpool. You MUST keep and provide all receipts for your claim. Submission of claim MUST be no later than one month after the event date. The final date for any claim to SCN must be made no later than Monday 23rd February 2026, after which we cannot refund your claim.**

To apply, complete the application form below and **submit to** **scn@liverpool.ac.uk**

**Deadline for applications is Saturday 25th October 2025**

\*UKRI defines an ECR as someone who is either: within eight years of their PhD award (this is from the time of the PhD 'viva' oral test), or equivalent professional training.

**Application Form: Carers Award**

**Your details:**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Name of Institute or University:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **E-mail (academic e-mail address):** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Role Title (e.g. PhD, Fellow, etc.):** |  |
| **Are you an SCN Member:** |  |

**Your manager/supervisor’s details:**

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| **Name of your manager/supervisor:** |  |
| **E-mail:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |

**Conference/Event details and justification:**

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| **Conference/Event title:** |  |
| **Conference/Event date:** |  |
| **Place of Conference/Event:** |  |
| **Conference/Event web link:** |  |
| **State if you are giving a talk or a poster and if it has been accepted by organisers:** |   |
| **Title of your talk or poster:** |  |
| **Breakdown of costs in UK £ to the maximum budget available to you -£500:** |  |
| **Justification of your caring costs:** |  |