



RSA Annual Conference 2017  
*the Great Regional Awakening: 'New Directions'*

**Conference Bursary Guidelines  
(Free Conference Registration)**

Dublin, Ireland  
4th – 7th June 2017

The Regional Studies Association is pleased to announce a number of conference bursaries for its Annual Conference 2017, Dublin, Ireland.

Conference bursaries are available to current RSA members with preference being given to research students, those in the early part of their career and those from countries with accepted funding difficulties. The bursary takes the form of a free conference place. Participants need to meet all their travel, accommodation and subsistence costs.

The bursary scheme operates on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. You must be a current member of the Regional Studies Association.
2. You must not have received an RSA conference bursary in the past three years.
3. Preference will be given to those applying for the first time.
4. Preference will then be given to those who might reasonably be expected to find it hard to obtain funding to attend the conference e.g. research students, early career members and those from countries with accepted funding difficulties.
5. Applications should be sent to the Regional Studies Office. You should state:
  - the reasons for your application (e.g. cost implications of travelling to the conference; student/early career status, or other circumstances);
  - attempts to find other funding for travel and subsistence;
  - name of institution, department, and where you will be travelling from;
  - abstract of up to 250 words
6. Applications must be in writing and be submitted to Lesa Reynolds by email to [lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org](mailto:lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org) no later than 31st January 2017.
7. Decisions will be made by the Conference Bursary Committee after the submission deadline based on quality of the abstracts received.
8. Failure to attend: The bursary scheme will prove popular and as places are limited some people will be disappointed. To ensure attendance at the event, we require a credit/debit card to secure the free place. If you attend the credit card will not be charged. If you fail to attend without notice in writing 3 weeks prior to the event, the card will be charged for the full conference fee.
9. Agreement: If you are successful in your application we will ask you to read and sign a bursary acceptance form stating the terms and conditions of the bursary and the charge to a credit card if you fail to attend. Upon receipt of this signed contract, we will confirm your bursary place.