

Regional Studies Association Annual Conference 2020

Transformations: Relational spaces, beyond urban and rural

17th – 20th June 2020, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Conference Bursary Guidelines

The Regional Studies Association is pleased to announce a number of conference bursaries for its Annual Conference 2020.

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. Upon time of receiving the bursary you must be a member of the Regional Studies Association.
2. You must not have received an RSA conference bursary in the past three years.
3. Applications should be sent to the Regional Studies Office and 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 500 words
4. Applications must be in writing and be submitted to Katharina Bürger by email to katharina.buerger@regionalstudies.org **no later than 17th January 2020, 23:59 (GMT)**.
5. Decisions will be made by the Conference Bursary Committee after the submission deadline based on quality of the abstracts received.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. A 500- word minimum conference report will have to be provided by you via email within 2 weeks after the conference. The Association reserves the right to publish this report with photos on the website or/and in the [e-Zine Regions](#) or the [RSA Blog](#). After the conference, please send your report to katharina.buerger@regionalstudies.org. Alternatively, you are invited to do a report in form of an “experience report” where you tweet live from the conference from your Twitter account about your experiences and the conference itself. Please let us know which option you prefer, when the bursary is confirmed.