

Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2020 (#RSAWinter)

Regions in Transition: Balancing Economic, Social and Environmental Sustainability in the Face of Uncertainty

12th – 13th November 2020, Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, London, UK

Call for Early Career Plenary Speaker

The **Regional Studies Association** has a deep-seated commitment to furthering and supporting the career development of early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing their PhD). Part of this commitment is to offer the opportunity to present in a Plenary at the RSA's major Annual Conference. Other initiatives include the Early Career Grant Scheme (£10k grant); the inclusion of early career editors on RSA journals; the early career mentored paper route to publication in the journal *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*; the annual student & early career conference and having an active student and early career network run by the members in those categories supported by lively social media activity.

We now seek applications from early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing their PhD) to present an Early Career Plenary Presentation at the forthcoming Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2020 in London, United Kingdom. The proposed paper should be in line with the theme and topics of the conference.

The application should include the following:

- Name and contact details
- Place of employment
- Short version CV (4-page maximum)
- Up to 500-word abstract of the paper to be presented
- Short video (maximum 4 minutes) featuring you and an outline of the paper to be presented
- Evidence of eligibility to apply/PhD certificate – *early career researchers are defined as being within 5 years after receiving their PhD certificate.*

Videos filmed on a smartphone with reasonable clarity of vision and sound are perfectly acceptable for the purpose of the competition. Applicants should clearly present their name and institution in the video. They should outline their research, its relevance to the conference topics and explain why they should be selected for the plenary presentation.

The successful candidate will be informed as soon as possible following the closing date. The award includes a complimentary place at the conference, a contribution towards travel expenses and two nights' accommodation.

Applicants are expected to be either an RSA member on application or to take out RSA membership on acceptance.

Early Career Plenary Speaker submission deadline:
27th April 2020, 23:59 (GMT)

Please email your application to Katharina Bürger at katharina.buerger@regionalstudies.org