

Regional Studies Association

Membership Benefits

Founded in 1964, the RSA is a global network of researchers, policymakers and practitioners working in areas concerned with regional research, policy and development. We support our members with the latest research, funding schemes, publishing opportunities, networking and spaces to grow their research, careers and influence.

The RSA's journals are among the most distinguished and influential journals in regional studies and regional science. The RSA supports members through its diverse grant schemes and awards programmes, provides professional development support, facilitates networking globally and engages heavily in knowledge exchange.

Membership that is right for you

We have different membership categories and rates reflecting career stages ([student](#), [early career](#), [individual](#) or [retired/emeritus](#)), organisational membership ([corporate](#)) and geographical location ([Bands](#)).

By joining the RSA, you become part of an active and engaged global community and will benefit from the following:

Networking and Community

- Meet others in your field via our in person and online [conferences](#) and the Expert Register in the Members' Lounge;
- Link up through our [International Territorial Networks](#);
- Share your research through the [RSA blog](#);
- Attend our [Annual President's Dinner](#);
- Join RSA communities e.g. Women in Regional Studies and Regional Science www.regionalstudies.org/communities/
- Receive reduced members' rates to [RSA conferences](#);
- Your membership helps us to continue our work and to support the global regional studies community.

Professional Development

- Gain knowledge, skills and professional development by joining weekly RSA webinars: *Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series* and the *Professional Development Webinar Series* www.regionalstudies.org/events/
- Access the webinars' archive on demand in the Members' Lounge
- Present research and participate in professional training sessions online and in person at our [conferences](#);
- Win annual [awards](#) for contributing to the field;
- Use the post-nominals MeRSA or FeRSA after your family name;
- Build your global reputation with article level marketing, RSA awards or plenary presentations;
- Become an RSA Ambassador or Territorial Chair;
- Represent the field on the RSA Board or Committees.

Publications

- Access academics journals as hardcopy and/or online [Regional Studies](#), [Spatial Economic Analysis](#); [Territory, Politics, Governance](#); [Regional Studies](#), [Regional Science](#) (online only); [Area Development and Policy](#);
- Access and publish in the [RSA Blog](#) and [Regions eZine](#);
- Benefit from a [reduced Article Processing Charge](#) (APC) for the gold open access journal *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*;
- Access [16 subject-related journals](#) online;
- Take discounts on subject-related books published by several major publishers.

Funding opportunities

- There are a variety of [funding](#) opportunities for individuals and research teams;
- [Conference Bursaries](#) and [Travel Grants](#).

To sign up to the RSA as a member, please go to <https://members.regionalstudies.org/lounge>, call us at +44 (0) 1273 698 017 or email to Membership@regionalstudies.org.