

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, professional development webinars 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/online conferences, the RSA Hub (App), or the Expert Register on the RSA Lounge;
- Link up through our International Territorial Networks;
- Share your research through the RSA blog;
- Join RSA communities e.g. Women in Regional Studies and Regional Science;
- Receive reduced members' rates to RSA conferences and events;
- 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: The *Regions Cities Industry Webinar*, the *Professional Development Webinar Series* and the *International Hour*.
- Access the webinars' archive on demand on the RSA 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;
- Work on the RSA Journals and develop your academic profile and network as an Early Career Editor/ Editor;
- Represent the field on the RSA Board or Committees.

Publications

- Access academic 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;
- Work with a mentor to get your article publication ready in the Regional Studies Regional Science Early Career Mentored Paper Section
- Access 23 subject-related journals online;
- Enjoy discounts on subject-related books published by several major publishers.

Funding opportunities & discounts

- There are a variety of funding opportunities for individuals and research teams;
- Book, conference/events, article processing charge (APC) discounts are available for members.

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