Regional Studies Association

RESEARCH FUNDING & AWARDS

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) has allocated financial resources to support researchers and to provide a range of funding opportunities to suit different career stages. These opportunities provide members with a chance to apply for financial help to support their research, receive awards for excellence, present their research to wider audiences and to develop their careers and networks further.

Please note that non-members are encouraged to apply for a grant or award and join the RSA at the same time.

RSA Awards

Nominations (both self-nominations and third party nominations) of current members are being sought for the following awards in regional studies and related fields:

- **Nathaniel Lichfield recent Master's Award** - for recent Master's graduates who have graduated within the previous year;
- **Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award** - for registered PhD students who have not yet received their certificate;
- **Routledge Early Career Award** - for early career researchers defined as being within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent.

Value: £500 (c. $600; c. €570) and a certificate
Application deadline: 20th April 2023

Research Network Grant Scheme

RSA Research Networks are formed by RSA members interested in meeting to examine an issue that responds to the aims and goals of the Association and is of interest and concern to members of the Association as well as non-members. The issue needs not necessarily to have a direct policy focus, but the examination would normally lead to policy-related conclusions.

Value: up to £10,000 (c. $12,000; c. €11800)
Application deadline: 29th November 2022

Early Career Research Grant Scheme

This award is open to single applicants in their early career (a maximum of five years between the date shown on the PhD certificate and the application deadline). This funding is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. The grant has a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply.

Value: up to £10,000 (c. $13,300; c. €11,800)
Application deadlines (Expression of Interest): 10th May 2023

Membership Research Grant Scheme (MeRSA)

The RSA Membership Research Grant supports a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. This research funding scheme is intended primarily to provide opportunities for mid-career scholars who have already published in the field of regional studies and science, and who are Individual Members of the RSA. The award has a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply.

Value: up to £5,000 (c. $6,600; c. €5,900)
Application deadline (Expression of Interest): 10th May 2023

Fellowship Research Grant Scheme (FeRSA)

This award is open to Fellows of the RSA only. RSA Fellows are members who have been continuous members for a minimum of 5 years and who have also been defined as "active members". This means that they have contributed to the life of the Association through serving on the Board or committees, have spoken at conferences, have applied for funding etc.

Value: up to £7,500 (c. $10,000; c. €8,900)
Application deadline (Expression of Interest): 10th May 2023

Travel Grants

The RSA offers its members up to £500 towards travel costs when attending a non-RSA event. Recipients of the Travel Grant must be members of the Association at the time of the application, at the time of travel and the claim.

Value: up to £500 (c. $600; c. €570)
Application deadlines: 23rd February 2023, 25th May 2023, 28th September 2023 and **23rd November 2023**
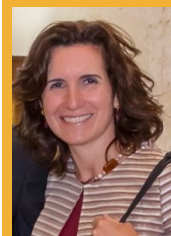
Policy Expo Grant Scheme

This Grant Scheme supports a piece of policy-orientated research. Grant holders will reach a large global audience via a funded short form policy-focussed, evidenced book published in the RSA's *Policy Impact Book Series*, an open access article in *Regional Studies, Regional Science* and a book launch event.

Value: up to £15,000 (c. $20,000; c. €17,800)
There is currently no call open for submissions.

More information on RSA funding and awards at: www.regionalstudies.org/funding-awards/
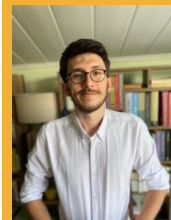

Ilaria Mariotti
Politecnico di Milano, Italy

We are grateful and thankful for the support that we have received from the RSA SMALL GRANT SCHEME ON PANDEMICS, CITIES, REGIONS AND INDUSTRY. This grant will allow us to develop our research project. Moreover, this opportunity will enable us to develop a pilot study, which may be replicated at the national and international scale, as well as supporting policy makers to frame tailored policy tools to face the post-pandemic area.

Jonathan Muringani
University of Stavanger, Norway

I am excited and honoured to receive the PAUL BENNEWORTH PhD STUDENT AWARD. I express my gratitude to the Regional Studies Association for the recognition. The award inspires my new journey as a postdoctoral researcher on societal security and trust in digital societies at the University of Oslo, Norway.

Şükrü Yılmaz
Newcastle University, UK

I am extremely honoured to be receiving the NATHANIEL LICHFIELD AWARD. I would like to thank the RSA for encouraging young researchers for their future research, providing us with various and comprehensive learning opportunities, and enabling us access to a wide network of researchers. Also, I would like to present a special thanks to the friendly & supportive staff of the RSA.

Simona Iammarino
LSE, UK

The FERSA GRANT allowed me to develop my arguments about the urgent need to adopt a territorial view on internationalisation processes and policies, and to expand some regional case studies on the topic. This would have not been possible without the grant and the research assistance it provided. In addition, the FERSA GRANT also allowed me to confront with major experts in the field, and new and exciting research lines came out of those discussions.