The Regional Studies Association (RSA), as a micro funder, supports researchers via a range of funding opportunities to suit different career stages. So far, we invested over £1.2 Mio in members’ research.

In addition, the RSA offers awards for excellence, capacity building, training, knowledge exchange and dissemination support to reach global audiences and to develop careers and networks.

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

**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):** 13th May 2024

**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):** 13th May 2024

**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):** 13th May 2024
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: 16th May 2024 and 19th September 2024

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: autumn 2024

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)
Application deadline: TBC

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** – this award is for recent Master’s graduates who have graduated within the previous year.
- **Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award** – this award is for PhD students who have not yet received their PhD certificate.
- **RSA Routledge Early Career Award** – this award is 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: 22nd April 2024

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