

RSA Annual Conference 2026

Regions as Arenas in a Changing World

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Conference Bursary Guidelines

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) is pleased to announce a number of conference bursaries for its Annual Conference 2026.

Conference bursaries are available to current RSA members with preference being given to research students, those in the early part of their career and those from countries with accepted funding difficulties. The bursary takes the form of a free conference place. Please note that bursary winners need to meet all their travel, accommodation and subsistence costs.

The bursary scheme operates on the basis of the following guidelines:

1. You must be an RSA member at time of application.
2. You must not have received an RSA conference bursary in the past three years.
3. Applications should state:
 - the reasons for your application (e.g. cost implications of travelling to the conference; student/early career status, or other circumstances);
 - name of your institution, department, and where you will be travelling from;
 - abstract of up to 250 words of the paper that you will present at the conference.
4. To apply you will need to [login here](#), then choose 'Community' then 'Grants' from the menu, deadline for applications is **30th January 2026**.
5. Decisions will be made by the Conference Bursary Committee after the submission deadline, based on quality of the abstract received.
6. Preference will then be given to those who might reasonably be expected to find it hard to obtain funding to attend the conference e.g. research students, early career members and those from countries with accepted funding difficulties.
8. Agreement: If you are successful in your application, we will ask you to read and sign a bursary acceptance form stating the terms and conditions of the bursary. Upon receipt of this signed contract, we will confirm your bursary place.
9. A 300 word minimum conference report will have to be provided within 2 weeks after the conference. The Association reserves the right to publish this report with photos on the website or/and in e-Zine Regions, RSA Blog.