

# Regional Studies Association

## RESEARCH, FUNDING & AWARDS

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THE GLOBAL FORUM FOR CITY  
AND REGIONAL RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY

We have allocated financial resources to support its members and offers a range of funding opportunities to suit different career stages. These opportunities provide our members with the chance to apply for financial help to support their research, run networking events, receive awards for excellence and help towards the costs of travel to attend non-RSA events and present their work to international audiences.

### 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. €11500; \$12,000)

**Application deadline: 27th September 2019**

### Early Career Research Grant Scheme (EC)

This award is open to single applicants in their early career (five years maximum between the date shown on the PhD certificate and the application deadline). Applicants must be based within an eligible higher education institution and must be a current, early career member of the RSA and throughout the duration of the grant. Please note that applicants may join the RSA as members at the same time as applying for the grant.

**Value: up to £10,000** (c. €11500; \$12,000)

**Application deadlines (Expression of Interest) : 28th May 2019**


### Membership Research Grant Scheme (MeRSA)

The RSA Membership Research Grants are provided to support 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 or science and who are current 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. €5700; \$6000)

**Application deadline (Expression of Interest): 15th May 2019**

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## 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. All applicants are required to set out their dissemination plans not only through academic networks (e.g. conferences and publishing) but also to communities of policy and practice.

**Value: up to £7,500** (c. €8500; \$9,000)

**Application deadline (Expression of Interest): 15th May 2019**

## Policy Expo Grant Scheme

The Association has launched a new policy research initiative for teams to connect their work and wider communities to societal questions and policy needs. The Policy Expos will deliver a short form policy-focussed and evidenced book for launch through the Association’s membership benefits and wider book sales as well as an OA article in *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*.

**Value: up to £15,000** (c. €17000; \$18,000)

**Application deadline: 29th March 2019**

## Travel Grant

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 claim. Non-members are encouraged to apply and join the RSA at the same time.

**Value: up to £500** (c. €570; \$600)

**2019 Deadlines: 28th February, 31st May, 13th September & 29th November**

## RSA Awards 2019

Nominations (both self-nominations and third party nominations) of current members are being sought for the following awards in regional studies and related fields, which will be awarded by the RSA Award Committee.

**Nathaniel Lichfield Award** - the nominee must have graduated within the year;

**RSA PhD Student Award** - the nominee has to be a registered PhD student who has not yet received their certificate;

**RSA Routledge Early Career Award** - the nominee has to be an early career researcher within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent.

**Value:** The prizes for each award are: £500 (c. €570; \$600) ; a certificate; up to £200 funds toward travel costs to attend the RSA President's Event.

**Application deadline: April 2019** (TBC)

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More information on RSA funding and awards is available at  
[www.regionalstudies.org/funding](http://www.regionalstudies.org/funding)



**Yannis Psycharis,**  
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*I am very happy and honored that my application for the RSA Membership Research Grant has been successful! This grant will not only enable me to further my research, but also to enhance interaction, networking and collaboration opportunities with the Association and the Regional Studies community.*



**Donna Carmichael,**  
London School of  
Economics, UK

*The RSA Travel Grant provided me with financial support to enable me to attend an international conference in London where I was presenting a paper based on my PhD research into city branding. The conference was attended by delegates and speakers from all over the world, including Asia, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Africa, North America and Australia. The opportunity to interact with scholars from a vast number of countries was phenomenal, and the contacts I made will be extremely valuable as I progress in my academic career.*



**Jennifer Clark,**  
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

*The Regional Studies Association’s Research Network grants provide researchers with the opportunity to connect with colleagues across disciplines and countries and build comparative projects that expand the policy impact of our work in regional studies. Our RSA Research Network on Rethinking Manufacturing Policy resulted in a special issue of RSA’s Regions as well as numerous other opportunities for publication and dissemination of our work. RSA Research Networks advance the field and move emerging research programs forward in a collaborative, comparative context.*