

**Are you a concessionary BSA member?**

**Are you a BSA member suffering hardship?**

**If so you can apply for a free place to attend the 2025 BSA Annual Conference**

**About the funded conference places...**

For 2025 we are making available 100 free places to help BSA members who may find it difficult to obtain funding for attendance at our Annual Conference (20 of these places are kindly supported by the main conference sponsor SAGE).

These places will include registration and day time catering at the conference (travel costs are not covered) and will be allocated as follows:

- 80 free places for concessionary members (Unwaged, ECR, Student, Retired, Teacher)
- 20 free places for those facing severe financial hardship

**Applicants must be a current paid up member.**

If there are more applicants than available places, the places will be allocated by random selection with priority being given to those presenting and those who have not received a funded place previously.

To apply for a hardship place please read the guidelines below.

**Hardship Category**

We are delighted to confirm that we are continuing offering free places in the category of financial hardship. This is to reflect that there are colleagues who sit outside the existing concessionary categories, but for whom financial difficulties may be a barrier to participating in the conference. Where we can, we would like to reduce those barriers. By this we mean the following kinds of situation:

- Being in a fixed-term contract
- Experiencing a pay cut or other financial restrictions created by university management
- Working part time at a low pay grade with no other source of income

We have allocated 20 free places to this category.

If you are considering submitting an abstract to this year's conference and concerned about funding to register and present, please consider applying for these funded places once registration is open.

To ensure this is available to those who are in most need, we do ask people to only put themselves forward if they are in financial hardship. We are doing this on a trust basis, we are not asking for statements or proof of people's situation and we believe people will approach it appropriately. So please do take this option if your financial situation is difficult and you will be considered for a free place.