# BSA Annual Conference 2027
# Funded Places

## Are you a concessionary BSA member? Or a BSA member suffering hardship?

For the 2027 conference, we are offering 70 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 include registration and daytime catering at the conference and will be allocated as follows:

- 40 for early career and postgraduate members
- 30 for members facing severe financial hardship

**You must be a current, paid up member of the BSA at the time of application and the conference dates.**

If there are more applicants than available places, priority will be given to applicants who have had an abstract accepted into the programme and have not been granted a funded place at a previous BSA Annual Conference. Any remaining places will be allocated randomly.
You should also investigate alternative funding incase your application is not successful, as the booking deadline is 7 December 2026.

**Hardship Category**

We are delighted to confirm that we are continuing to offer funded 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. For example

- Students, retirement, teachers
- 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

To ensure that 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 funded place.

**What's included?**

- Access to all the academic sessions on the programme
- Daytime catering (refreshments and lunch) at the University of Manchester
- Publisher's Reception & Poster Presentations on Wednesday 31 March

**What's not included?**

- Breakfast or evening meals
- Other items that require booking in advance eg social events or conference dinner
- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Visa application fees or travel documents (delegates are responsible for arranging these themselves)
- Visa sponsorship (the BSA is not able to act as a sponsor for immigration purposes)

**To apply, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KY8YX8H**

Applications close at **5pm on Friday 20 November 2026**. No late applications will be accepted or considered. Decisions will be sent by email no later than 27 November.

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