The RES will offer financial support for registered postgraduate students not in full-time employment, or for students who have completed their PhD but are not yet in full-time employment. The level of support provided depends on whether you are presenting a paper or not. A form for making an expenses claim will be available on the ‘PhD Financial Assistance’ page of the Conference web-site at the time of the Conference. All (original) receipts will have to be sent with your claim within one month of the close of the Conference.

1. For those presenting a paper

You are eligible for financial support but only if you are a member (or have applied to become a member) of the Royal Economic Society. If you are not a member, follow the links at. http://www.res.org.uk/society/membership.asp There is a reduced membership rate for students.

The financial assistance rules, for members of RES, are as follows:

REGISTRATION: You pay the conference registration and accommodation costs. We will refund you the cost of Early Bird registration for RES members, along with two nights’ accommodation in a hotel (up to a maximum price of £90 per night). A number of suggestions for hotels can be found on the RES conference website.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

(a) If you are registered at a UK University, we will also reimburse a 2nd class off-peak advance purchase return rail fare, or its equivalent, within the UK. Please try to book your tickets well in advance to qualify for a discount. If it is cheaper to fly then please do so. The cheaper the fare you can obtain the more financial support the RES can provide for others.

(b) If you are registered at a university outside the UK, you can
apply for financial assistance to cover the cost of economy travel to/from the UK. We would encourage you to book this as early as possible to take advantage of any discounts that are available. The amount of reimbursement depends on the demands made on the budget by the expenditures above. RES cannot therefore tell you in advance what support will be forthcoming. (As an illustration, not a commitment, in recent years we have been able to offer something between about 40% of these additional costs, but this does depend on the total call on the budget.)

2. **For those NOT presenting a paper**

(a) If you are registered at a UK University (and not in full-time employment), are in the second year (or beyond; full-time equivalent) of your PhD, and are a member of the RES, we are piloting a scheme for the first time this year which significantly reduces the full registration expenses. There is a maximum budget available for this so, depending on demand, places may be limited. You should contact your PhD coordinator for more details.

(b) If you do not qualify for the above (e.g. you are a first year FTE equivalent PhD student, or are registered at a University overseas), but are a member of the RES, you are welcome to apply for support in the same way set out in (1) above. We cannot guarantee being able to meet such requests (either in full or in part). Preference will be given to those postgraduates who are also receiving some financial assistance from their departments. We will ask you to obtain a letter from your department setting out the financial support it is offering.

If you are not a member, you can join online by following the links at [http://www.res.org.uk/society/membership.asp](http://www.res.org.uk/society/membership.asp) There is a reduced membership rate for students.

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