

Objective & Eligibility

ECR development and engagement Fund: Fund to support collective research and/or networking opportunities. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FUND FOR COLLECTIVE ACTIVITIES AND CANNOT SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH, NETWORKING, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE OR TRAINING.

Objective of the Fund: supporting collective research, engagement and/or networking opportunities for early career researchers, including PhD students.

Annual Budget: £7000, with no limits for the amount per application to ensure greater flexibility for the pilot.

Eligible member Applicants: Post Graduate Researchers including PhD Students; and Early Career Researcher (PhD and Masters) up to five years after the award of the degree and who have been DSA members (individual, student or global South) for at least one year prior to application. While we will prioritise the applications of those who have been members for at least one year, we will consider others. This is a fund for Individual members. Institutional members are not eligible.

Administration

Frequency: The scheme aims to fund at least three events per year and there will be two calls per year, linked to DSA Council meetings. The current call will close on 15th May 2020 and is for events due to take place in the last half of 2020. There will be a further call in 2020 (deadline 15th September) for events in the last quarter of the year.

Scheme Administration: Three Council members plus the DSA student representatives on Council will administer the fund.

Contacts

Main Contact/ queries: membershipadmin@devstud.org.uk

All applications to be submitted via the online form made available on the website when the call opens

General conditions

Application

Only applications via the online form will be accepted and an emailed completed budget form (See links below). No other supplemental documents will be reviewed unless they are requested by the administration committee.

Any incorrect (accidental or intentional) information at the application stage and after the approval and payment will be taken very seriously. In such cases and at any stage, applicants may be requested to return any payment they have received.

We shall aim to notify applicants with decisions approximately 6 weeks after the closing date.

Excluded

This fund is designed to support innovative engagement and networking by ECRs. Annual events that have run without this support in the past, will not be supported unless there is a new component for PGR/ECR that this funding would enable. This will need to be shown clearly in the application.

Joint funds

We prefer to fund events where there is a reasonable expectation of co-funding. However, this doesn't need to be guaranteed at the point of application. We may consider funding smaller events where no co-funding is in place.

Applicant's Role

ECR/PGR should play a central role in the governance of the proposed activity as well as being one of the main beneficiaries.

Types of Events

The proposed event should be entirely new and/or additional to a regular event, for example, a master class for PGR added on to an existing conference or support for an ECR panel or seminar series, a PGR meeting focused on a related Development Studies topic/concern. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A FUND FOR COLLECTIVE ACTIVITIES AND CANNOT SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH, NETWORKING, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE OR TRAINING.

Right to publish

DSA will have the right to publish on its website all information related to the events that received funding. This would include, and are not limited to, the winning proposals, final event reports (see Payment conditions below and application form), presentations, booklets or any other material produced during the preparation and the implementation of the event in question. It is the Applicants' responsibility to advise co-funding institutions and other event contributors of such condition.

Payment conditions

Advance Payment

Depending on the purpose of the fund, an advance payment of up to 50% of the cost may be possible.

Final payments will be done only following the submission of:

- the final report
- evidence of expenditure including receipts, invoices, payslips or any other agreed form specified within the application.

Application

Consists of TWO parts: an online form and budget spreadsheet. These will be made available on the website when the call opens.

