

## **International Conference Support Scheme**

The purpose of the International Conference Support Scheme is to increase the SPA's links with overseas scholars and learned societies, to increase the level of reporting on overseas conferences in *Policy World*, and to promote the SPA internationally.

Each award offers a maximum of £300 per applicant towards the conference registration fees of:

- UK-based SPA members who have been accepted to present a paper at an overseas conference;
- Non-UK based SPA members who have been accepted to present a paper at a conference overseas;

The scheme covers conference registration fees only, and is not available for travel, accommodation or other subsistence costs.

Funding is available in two rounds of applications over the year. Round one runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Round two runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Applications from overseas-based SPA members for funding to attend SPA conferences and seminars should be received in sufficient time in order to meet the registration deadline. Applications are welcome at any point within each award period and funds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Subsidised members will be selected by the International Officers on the basis of an open call for applications, as well as occasional specific calls for attendance at designated conferences.

### **Eligibility and selection criteria**

The scheme is open to current members of the SPA. Applicants must have had their paper accepted by the conference organisers. Only one member will be subsidised for each eligible conference. Scheme funds will be awarded on the basis of:

- the likelihood of an applicant being able to establish and maintain links with overseas social policy scholars and/or learned societies;
- agreement by the applicant to promote the SPA in various ways at the conference, including distributing membership leaflets and other SPA promotional literature;
- agreement by the applicant to writing a report of the conference for *Policy World*.

Precise details of activities to be engaged in will be agreed between the International Officers and each applicant.

Applications should take the form of a letter (2 sides maximum) clearly demonstrating how the application fulfils each of the Scheme conditions and criteria. An abstract of the conference paper to be given and confirmation that the paper has been accepted by the organisers of the conference should also be included. Applications should be sent as an attachment to an email to the SPA International Officers ([stefan.kuehner@york.ac.uk](mailto:stefan.kuehner@york.ac.uk); [n.yeates@open.ac.uk](mailto:n.yeates@open.ac.uk)).

The SPA reserves the right to pay the award in more than one instalment as appropriate. It also reserves the right to reject applications from those who have failed to fulfil SPA grant award conditions in the past.