

International Conference Support Scheme
Round One: Applications by 17th April 2015.

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 on the SPA's website, its newsletter 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.

For 2015, the SPA will fund a total of two awards. These awards will be issued in two rounds: in Spring and Autumn. The Association is now issuing a call for applications to be submitted by 17th April 2015.

Eligibility and selection criteria:

- The scheme is open to all 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 conference report for the SPA website and/or the SPA newsletter Policy World.
- Precise details of activities to be engaged in will be agreed between the SPA International Officers and each applicant.

Applications should take the form of a short letter (no more than 2 pages A4) 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 organisers of the conference have accepted the paper should also be included.

Applications should be sent as an attachment to an email to the SPA International Officer (stefan.kuehner@york.ac.uk). It is the *SPA Executive Committee* that will select subsidised members.

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.