Dear colleagues,

I am happy to share some exciting opportunities for PhD students and Early Careers.

RSA Awards 2018

Nominations (both self-nominations and third-party nominations) of current members are being sought for the following awards in regional studies and related fields:

- Nathaniel Lichfield Award the nominee must have graduated with a Masters degree within the previous year;
- RSA PhD Student Award the nominee has to be a registered PhD student who has not yet received their certificate;
- **RSA Routledge Early Career Award** the nominee has to be an early career researcher within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent.

The prize for each Award is: A cheque for £500; A certificate; Up to £200 discretionary fund toward attending the 2018 RSA President's Event (transport costs). The Awards ceremony will take place at the President's Event on 15th November 2018 in London, UK.

Deadline: 30th April 2018.

More information is available here: http://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/page/rsa-awards-2018

2018 Master Class on EU Cohesion Policy, Brussels, Belgium

As part of the 16th European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC), the biggest event worldwide on regional and urban development, the Master Class on EU Cohesion Policy will be held for the sixth time. The Master Class is a unique format to connect aspiring researchers and will include presentations of papers by the participants as well as lectures and panel debates with policymakers, EU officials and senior academics to improve understanding of, and research, on EU Cohesion Policy.

Applications are being sought from PhD students and early career researchers (defined as being within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent) undertaking research related to European Cohesion Policy to attend the 2018 University Master Class.

The application deadline is 9th May 2018

For more details, go to http://www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/2018-master-class-on-eu-cohesion-policy

RSA Early Career Grant Scheme

This award is open to individual applicants in their early career (five years maximum between the date showing on the certificate and the application deadline).

The value of the grant is up to £10,000 (or its equivalent in dollars or euros). The RSA Early Career Grant is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. The grant has a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply.

The Expression of Interest should include the following:

- Applicant information details: Title, name, surname
- RSA membership number
- Postal address
- Telephone number and email for correspondence
- Name of Higher Education Institution (HEI)
- Title of the research project
- Timings of the research
- Details of research and the advances it is hoped to make
- Brief overview of costs and budget

The submission deadline for the Expression of Interest is 31st May 2018.

More information is available here: http://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/page/early-career-grant-scheme

2018 RSA Europe's Socio-Spatial Dynamics Summer College, Cagliari, Sardinia

Novel Approaches to Sustainable and Inclusive Development

The RSA Europe's Summer College has been established to focus on how ideas, theories, methods and data can be leveraged across disciplines for the purpose of scientific advancement. Applications are welcome from PhD candidates and post-docs who have been awarded a PhD in the past 5 years, from a variety of disciplines and institutional backgrounds.

Application process requires you to include three specific research questions that you would like to discuss whilst at the RSA Europe's Summer College and an extended abstract of your PhD thesis (3 pages max). All documents and the video should be submitted by **Friday**, **15th June 2018**.

Find out details about applying here: http://www.regionalstudies.org/news/article/2018-rsa-europes-socio-spatial-dynamics-summer-college-in-sardinia-announce

Please help us spread the word about these opportunities and forward this email to anyone who might be interested.

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Best wishes,

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