



BSA Annual Conference 2026 Funded Places



Are you a concessionary BSA member? Or a BSA member suffering hardship?

For 2026 we are making available 100 funded places to help BSA members who may find it difficult to obtain funding for attendance at our Annual Conference. 20 of these places are kindly supported by the main conference sponsor SAGE.

These places will include registration and daytime catering at the conference and will be allocated as follows:

- 80 places for concessionary members (Unwaged, ECR, Student, Retired, Teacher)
- 20 places for those facing severe financial hardship

Applicants must be a current paid up member of the BSA

If there are more applicants than available places, priority will be given to applicants who have had an abstract accepted into the programme and have not been granted a funded place at a previous BSA Annual Conference. Any remaining places will be allocated randomly.

Hardship Category

We are delighted to confirm that we are continuing to offer funded places in the category of financial hardship. This is to reflect that there are colleagues who sit outside the existing concessionary categories, but for whom financial difficulties may be a barrier to participating in the conference. Where we can we would like to reduce those barriers. For example:

- Being in a fixed-term contract
- Experiencing a pay cut or other financial restrictions created by university management
- Working part time at a low pay grade with no other source of income

We have allocated 20 places to this category.

To ensure that this is available to those who are in most need we do ask people to only put themselves forward if they are in financial hardship. We are doing this on a trust basis, we are not asking for statements or proof of people's situation and we believe people will approach it appropriately. So please do take this option if your financial situation is difficult and you will be considered for a funded place.

What's included?

- Conference registration
- Daytime catering at the venue

What's not included?

- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Visa application fees or travel documents (delegates are responsible for arranging these themselves)
- Visa sponsorship (the BSA is not able to act as a sponsor for immigration purposes)

To apply, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CC6JCRN>

Applications open with Abstract Decision Notifications, no later than 17 November 2025.

Applications close at **5pm on Friday 5 December 2025**.

Decisions will be notified by email no later than Friday 12 December 2025.