



RSAA Travel Awards 2025

The Royal Society for Asian Affairs Travel Awards support practical projects and research that have the potential to contribute to advances in scholarly or other public knowledge including, but not limited to, postgraduate degrees, journalism and travel writing.

Applicants must be aged 21-28 on the closing date for applications. Applicants may be of any nationality but should be normally resident in the UK. The awards are intended to support individual travel and may not be used for commercial purposes or to fund participation in activities arranged by another organisation.

The RSAA's focus is on contemporary Asia and its recent history. Travel Award applications may relate to any aspect of this remit. In the current round, the Society will particularly welcome application relating to:

Colonialism and its Legacies – the study of the cultural, political, and economic experiences and legacies of colonialism and imperialism in Asia.

Exploration – the geographical, environmental, cultural, or historical exploration of countries, regions, or peoples of post-1900 Asia.

Technology and the State – studies of technological advancement and its applications in infrastructure, surveillance and communication (including social media) in contemporary Asia.

Awards may be up to £2,000 and include two-years' membership of the Society, giving access to the Society's network, events and publications.

Successful applicants are expected to make a presentation to a Society meeting or to submit an article to the Society's journal, *Asian Affairs*, drawing on their research within twelve months of taking up the award.

Applications can be made online at rsaa.org.uk/awards/the-rsaa-travel-awards/ or by returning the attached printable version.

The Society aims to make awards on the basis of written submissions alone, but may in some cases, invite candidates to an interview. Decisions will be based on the originality and coherence of the project and the degree to which it is likely to contribute to advances in scholarly or other public knowledge.

Applications must be received by the RSAA no later than 31 January 2025. The Society expects to inform candidates of the outcome of their applications by 28th February 2025.

RSAA Travel Awards 2025 – Application Form

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Correspondence Address:

Date of Birth:

Current position/academic institution (if any):

Brief itinerary – explain your project and travel plans and highlight how your proposed project will advance scholarly or other public knowledge. Please include anticipated dates and duration of travel. (Maximum 500 words - continue on an additional sheet as necessary.)

Costs - Outline the expected costs of your planned trip and how they will be met.

Please enclose with your application a copy of your CV (maximum two pages). Two letters of reference should be emailed directly from the referees to travelawards@rsaa.org.uk. If you are currently studying for a degree, one of your referees should be your academic supervisor.

Terms and Conditions

1. Awards are intended to support individual travel and may not be used for commercial purposes or to fund participation in activities arranged by another organisation.
2. Applicants must be aged 21–28 on the closing date for applications.
3. Applicants should be in a position to accept an award should they be successful.
4. Applicants should be normally resident in the UK. A person is normally resident if they are living in the UK lawfully and voluntarily as part of the regular order of their life, whether for a long or short duration. This includes foreign students studying for a qualification at a British institution.
5. Should an applicant be successful, any risk associated with a project put forward in an application is the sole responsibility of the applicant, not of the RSAA.
6. Current staff and trustees of the RSAA and their close relatives are not eligible.
7. The RSAA reserves the right to reject any application it receives without explanation.
8. Awards are made by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs in its absolute discretion and its decisions are final.
9. The RSAA Travel Awards are not available for medical electives.
10. Applicants agree that, if successful, they will, within twelve months of taking up the award, make a presentation to a Society meeting or submit an article to the Society's journal, *Asian Affairs*, drawing on their research. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of the award and the RSAA requiring the return of the awarded sum of money or any part thereof.

Please sign to confirm that you have read and accept the terms and conditions.

Signed:

Date:

When completed, this form and attachments may be emailed to travelawards@rsaa.org.uk or posted to: Travel Awards, The Royal Society for Asian Affairs, Hudson House, 8 Tavistock Street, London, WC2E 7PP. Applications must be received by the RSAA no later than 31 January 2025.