

We are pleased to announce the following opportunities to join the RACE Committee.

Position

Chair (3 years) – 1 vacancy

This leadership role involves guiding and directing the activities of the Research Group, including chairing group meetings such as the AGM. Along with the Treasurer and Secretary, the Chair forms part of the Executive, which handles official communication with the RGS-IBG. While applications from colleagues at any career stage are welcome, the role is typically filled by a senior scholar with leadership or committee experience. Applicants must be members of RGS-IBG (Member, Associate Fellow, or Fellow).

Secretary (3 years) – 1 vacancy

The Secretary coordinates meetings and oversees communication between different officers and the Chair, particularly in decision-making processes such as the Dissertation Prize and Conference Session sponsorship. The Secretary is also part of the Executive team with the Chair and Treasurer. Applicants at any career stage are welcome, and while prior administrative or committee experience is beneficial, it is not essential. The Postholder must be a member of RGS-IBG.

Postgraduate Representatives (2 years) – 3 vacancies

This role offers a PG perspective in decision-making and event planning, providing opportunities to represent postgraduate needs and interests. It may also involve organising postgraduate-focused events.

Early Career Representatives (2 years) – 2 vacancies

This role offers an early-career perspective in decision-making and event organisation, focusing on activities relevant to early-career scholars. We adopt a flexible definition of early career.

Events Officer (3 years) – 1 vacancy

The Events Officer coordinates the Research Group's sponsored sessions at the Annual International Conference and serves as the primary contact for event organisers. This role involves organising other events and conferences with support from the Committee. Applications are welcome from colleagues at any career stage.

Communications Officer (3 years) – 1 vacancy

This role manages the Research Group's communications across various platforms, including the website, mailing lists, social media, and newsletters. Applications are welcome from colleagues at any career stage.

Ordinary Member (3 years) – 2 vacancies

Ordinary Members support the Research Group's work and provide feedback on its activities during Committee meetings.

Election Process

1. Application Submission

Applications for roles can be submitted in one of the following formats:

A) A written statement (maximum 150 words) explaining why you are suitable for the role and what you aim to achieve in the position.

B) An MP4 audio recording (maximum 90 seconds) outlining why you are suitable for the role and your goals for the position.

2. Submission Deadline

Statements and audio recordings should be sent to the Secretary, James Esson, at j.esson@qmul.ac.uk by Friday 31st January 2025. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

3. Election

Applicants will participate in an election during the RACE Committee Meeting in the week of 10th February 2025, with the exact time and date to be confirmed. We are aware that elections can be stressful, so the Committee will handle the process with care and tact. Statements or audio recordings will be circulated in advance of the meeting e.g. on the RACE website. Elections will be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, a pre-selected Ordinary Member will cast the deciding vote, with preference given to early-career or postgraduate members where possible.

4. Start Date

Roles will commence in March 2025.

Support

If you have any questions about the roles, you are welcome to attend one of our online Question and Answer sessions with the RACE Secretary, James Esson.

To join the Q and A on Thursday 16th January 2025 10.00-11.00am (UK) please use this link – [JOIN MEETING](#)

To join the Q and A on Monday 20th January 2025 13.30-14.30 (UK) please use this link – [JOIN MEETING](#)