RES Conference – Volunteer Vacancy

Volunteer Role Description (2027–2029 Cycles)

Role Title: RES Conference – Programme Committee Member
Application Form: RES Conference Volunteer Role: Programme Committee Application Form - Royal Economic Society

1. Role Purpose

The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference brings together academic and professional economists to present research and share developments in economics. The Programme Committee supports the development of the conference programme by reviewing submitted papers within members' areas of expertise and making recommendations on their inclusion in the programme.

Programme Committee members normally serve for three years and contribute their research expertise to the Society's paper review and selection process.

2. Role Responsibilities

Programme Committee members will be asked to help the RES deliver the conference via the following responsibilities:

- Review papers allocated within their field of expertise on behalf of the Royal Economic Society
- Assess and grade submissions in line with the conference review process/guidelines and required timetable
- Complete reviews in a timely manner to ensure decisions are communicated to submitters
- Support the Society's commitment to equality, diversity and an inclusive conference environment
- Where possible, attend the Annual Conference and engage with PhD students and early career researchers.

3. Commitment and Review Cycle

Programme Committee members serve a three-year term, covering the 2027, 2028 and 2029 conference cycles.

The paper review periods take place within 2 review slots:

- **2027 Conference:** February and April
- **2028 and 2029 Conferences:** November and January each year.

The RES receives approximately 800 to 1,000 paper submissions each year. Each Committee member will typically be allocated:

- **First review slot:** 15 to 25 papers
- **Second review slot:** 5 to 15 papers

Members should allow approximately 15 to 20 minutes to review each paper. This equates to an estimated commitment of six to eight hours across each four-week review slot.

4. Skills and Experience

Committee members should have the following:

- Established research expertise in an area relevant to the conference submissions
- The ability to assess academic papers fairly, consistently and within the agreed timetable
- A commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
- An interest in supporting PhD students and early career researchers through engagement with the conference community.

5. Support and Working Relationships

Programme Committee members undertake reviews on behalf of the Royal Economic Society and contribute to the work led by the Conference Programme Chair. Submissions are directed to individual Committee members according to subject expertise.

The RES Office and in particular the RES Head of Events oversees the logistical management of the review process and is there to support the Programme Committee and its members.

6. How to apply

This voluntary role provides an opportunity to contribute directly to the quality and breadth of the RES Annual Conference programme, support the dissemination of economic research, and help create an inclusive environment for researchers at different career stages.

For more information, please contact Georgina Jenkins, RES Head of Events via events@res.org.uk. To apply please complete this application form by Monday 7 December. Please note if successful, you will be invited to contribute in February 2027 to the first conference review cycle.