Research Group key deadlines 2025-26

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2025		
September		
22	Discussion Forum	Induction for new committee members. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom
October		
13	Discussion Forum	Guest registrations at the conference – principles and structure. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom
20	Research Groups Sub-Committee Meeting	11.00am-1.00pm, via Zoom
31	Annual reporting deadline (accounts and reports) **This is an absolute deadline.**	Research Groups to submit annual report or AGM minutes, and annual accounts to rhed@rgs.org. All accounts should be accompanied by a bank statement corroborating the accounts closing balance, and a document from the bank listing current signatories on the account.
31	Deadline for Research Group grant applications	Research Groups submit a grant application for activities in the 2025/26 academic year. All reports for grant-funded activities in the previous year should be received by this date
November		
15 (approx.)	AC2026: Call for Sessions and Papers announced	See www.rgs.org/ac2026
30	Subventions calculated	Membership check and subventions calculated for each Research Group by RHED. Payments made in December.
December		
1	Discussion Forum	EDI. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom.
2026		
January		
12	Discussion Forum	Annual Conference Planning. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom
February		
20	RGS-IBG Medals and Awards	Deadline for nominations. See www.rgs.org/MedalsandAwards for more information
March		
6	AC2026: Deadline for submitting convened sessions with full papers information	Research Groups and independent session convenors to submit session and papers information, following the process given at www.rgs.org/ac2026
6	AC2026: Deadline for submission of paper proposals for 'open' sessions	See www.rgs.org/ac2026 for more information.
6	AC2026: Deadline for submitting details of conference fringe workshops	Research Groups to submit full details of their planned conference fringe events
16	Research Groups Sub-Committee Meeting	11.00am-1.00pm. via Zoom
23	Discussion Forum	TBC. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom

31	RGS-IBG Council and Committees	Deadline for nominations for election. See www.rgs.org/AboutUs/Governance for more information
April		
1	Deadline for Research Groups to provide updated text for advertising dissertation awards and prizes	Research Groups to submit changes to the description of awards and prizes to rhed@rgs.org
15 (approx.)	AC2026 organisers formally confirm sessions accepted for conference programme and registration opens	
27	Discussion Forum	Dissertation prizes. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom
30	Nomination (and election) for Research Groups Representative to Research and Higher Education Committee	Deadline for nominations of Research Group representative on Research and Higher Education Committee; electronic election if required
May		
1	AC2026: provisional programme drafted	Provisional programme supplied to Research Group Chairs, to identify significant clashes
Mid-May *(approx.)*	AC2026: Provisional programme published online for feedback and checking by participants	Provisional programme released online at www.rgs.org/ac2026 for convenors and authors to provide feedback
23	AC2026: Deadline for submitting Research Group Guest nominations (nominations may be submitted any time before this date)	Research Groups to submit nominations for conference guests to rhed@rgs.org following the process at www.rgs.org/ACguests
June		
1	RGS-IBG AGM	Medals and Awards presented. Elections for Council and Committees
19	Deadline for reduced rate (early-bird) conference registration for AC2026. **All those listed on the conference programme to be registered by this date.**	See www.rgs.org/ac2026 for more information.
28	AC2026: Deadline for changes to conference programme.	
28	Discussion Forum	AGM planning. 1.00pm-2.00pm, via Zoom
July		
1	AC2026: Final programme announced	See www.rgs.org/ac2026 for final programme
August/September		
1 August	Deadline for Research Group executive role bursaries applications.	See https://www.rgs.org/research/research-groups/resources-for-research-group-committees for further information.
1-4 September	RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2026	
24 August-11 September	Research Group AGMs take place	