**Travel Bursary Competition**

**The Second Global Philosophy of Religion Conference: Death and Immortality [LINK]**

**University of Birmingham, UK**

**Tuesday 28–Thursday 30 June 2022**

As part of [the Global Philosophy of Religion Project](https://www.global-philosophy.org/), we will award a limited number of travel bursaries to junior and midcareer researchers who wish to present their papers at the conference on a competitive basis.

The bursary will cover the following costs:

* Return (round-trip) Airfare from the applicant’s nearest airport to a UK airport near Birmingham
* Train fare from the arrival airport to the University to Birmingham and return to the airport
* Accommodation at Edgbaston Park Hotel (or nearby hotel) at University of Birmingham during the conference (up to 4 nights), and
* Registration and the main conference dinner at the Exchange on the second day of the conference.

Any other travel, subsistence or lodging costs are not eligible. If you are applying for a bursary, please do not book your travel and accommodation yet. We will book them for bursary winners via our university’s approved travel provider.

See our Guidance for Applicants below before starting your application.

Applicants are required to submit an application consisting of the following items. The application should be submitted **as a single PDF file** by **13 February 2022 (GMT)**:

* A CV of the applicant,
* An abstract of no more than 500 words for the proposed paper,
* An extended abstract of 1,000–3,000 words for the proposed paper, and
* The applicant’s travel plan specifying: (i) the departure airport (or the departure train station if you are travelling locally), (ii) the arrival airport (or the arrival train station if you are travelling locally), (iii) the dates of arrival and departure.

Please email your completed application to global-philosophy@contacts.bham.ac.uk with the following subject heading: “Travel Bursary [YOUR NAME]”. We expect to notify recipients of the outcome by XX.

The above applies to the travel bursary competition. Applicants are also required to submit their abstracts (of no more than 500 words) to be considered for presentation at the conference via Google Forms [LINK] by XX.

**Guidance for Applicants**

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

* The applicant must be a PhD student or recent PhD (within the last 10 years) from an institution of higher education or a student or member at a comparable level from a traditional religious institution, such as a yeshiva, madrasa, or ashram.
* The applicant’s paper must address a topic immediately relevant to the theme of the conference (Death and Immortality).
* The applicant must intend to present a paper at the conference in person.

The selection committee will assess each application according to the following selection criteria:

* The quality of both the abstract and extended abstract;
* The relevance of the applicant’s paper to the conference theme;
* The applicant’s track record of publications, conference presentations, and other relevant research activities commensurate with career stage; and
* Priority will be given to papers addressing religious traditions or geographical regions that are currently underrepresented in philosophy of religion.

Ineligible Costs

Please note this list is not exhaustive and costs that we deem ineligible will not be funded. It is advisable to check before purchasing.

* Subsistence outside the conference i.e. breakfast, non-conference dinners, drinks, alcohol etc
* Social travel whilst in UK
* Transport to & from airport in home country
* Extended stay at hotel
* Other non-associated conference costs

The Global Philosophy of Religion Project aims to make progress on issues central to philosophy of religion by incorporating multi-religious perspectives. Therefore, proposals for projects that are primarily historical or exegetical or whose focus is on promoting mere tolerance across religions will not be funded.

DISCLAIMER:

We have every intention of hosting the 2022 conference on our University of Birmingham campus. However, should we need to rearrange our plans due to circumstances beyond our control (such as Covid) we will look to give conference delegates as much notice as possible this is happening.  With this in mind we would advise you to plan your participation in the conference with contingencies such as flexible, refundable accommodation and travel bookings. We are not able to refund any related costs if the conference is rescheduled or cancelled.