



British Society for Phenomenology

Position Title: Chair of the UK Annual Conference

About the British Society for Phenomenology (BSP)

The BSP is a not-for-profit organisation set up with the intention of promoting research and awareness in the field of phenomenology and other cognate arms of philosophical thought and practice. Currently, the society accomplishes these aims through its journal, essay prize, impact agenda, website, podcast, and events.

Position Summary:

The British Society for Phenomenology Annual Conference is a longstanding, respected, and popular feature of the UK academic scene, providing a friendly and supportive forum for interdisciplinary discussion. Each year the BSP partners with a UK university to host the face-to-face event (with – if possible – online participation).

The Chair of the annual conference project manages the process, convening and leading a team selected from the BSP and the host university. Supported by and working in to the Head of Engagement and Events, and alongside and with other members of the events team and BSP executive committee, the Chair will be responsible for overseeing and driving the key elements of the event process. This includes the selection process for the host university, theme, and keynotes; the call for papers and speaker selection process; registration by speakers and delegates; and delivering the event.

The new chair will assist with the delivery of the September 2024 conference (UWE [Bristol]) under the current chair, and – after that – take on the lead role for 2025.

Role overview:

- The role holder should be based in the UK, and work / study in the field of phenomenology broadly construed.
- The role holder will be a member of the BSP; or commit to becoming a member upon taking up the role.
- The role holder will report directly in to and be supported by the Head of Engagement and Events.
- The role holder will be inducted as a member of the BSP [Executive Committee](#) (ExCo).
- The role holder should be prepared to commit to a standard ExCo four year tenure. However, they can step down anytime during their tenure with extenuating circumstances;

the incumbent role holder can also re-apply for another four years once their tenure is up, if they so wish.

- This is an unpaid voluntary position. However, the role holder will have the opportunity of free attendance to the Annual Conference and any other BSP events in the UK or abroad where they are part of that organising team, with all travel and accommodation costs reimbursed.

Responsibilities and duties:

- Lead and project manage the UK Annual Conference.
- Ensure events principles and society values are upheld during every stage of the process.
- Engage other members of the events team and host university to deliver the UK annual conference.
- Engage with other relevant members of the ExCo where necessary to deliver the event, such as the Technology Officer, Communications/Engagement Lead, Secretary, and Finance Officer.
- Where possible, help out on specific tasks as a team member with other Chairs in their events teams to deliver other BSP events such as the International Conference, the Online Conference, and the Manchester Winter Public Lecture.
- It is expected the role holder will attend the online AGM and quarterly ExCo meetings as far as possible unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- It is expected the role holder will give at least one paper at any BSP event during their four year tenure.

Further information:

For further information or to discuss any aspect of this role, please contact the Head of Engagement and Events, Dr David Deamer at communications@thebsp.org.uk.

Application process:

To apply please send an email expressing your interest to the Head of Engagement and Events, Dr David Deamer at communications@thebsp.org.uk. Your expression of interest should include the following information on one A4 page of a Word document:

- Name, current position, affiliation;
- The role for which you are applying (and if more than one role, just state your order of preference, do not make two separate applications);
- Your current BSP membership status, including if you have previously served on the ExCo (membership is not necessary to apply);
- A short paragraph by way of academic biography, foregrounding your interests and involvement in the field of phenomenology;
- A brief overview of any current skills in respect to the role/s for which you are applying;
- A short statement as to why you wish to take on the role.

Deadline and selection:

- The deadline for application is Sunday 3 March 2024.
- We will reply to all expressions of interest, and people who are shortlisted will attend a very friendly Zoom interview.

- Interviews will be conducted early to mid- to late-March 2024.