
Junior Researcher Programme

jSchool 2017 - Croatia

16 – 23th July

Apply via our online application [here](#).

The jSchool

Crucially for psychology students, the jSchool offers the chance to gain valuable experience in designing intercultural research in small groups under supervision of early-career researchers. The jSchool is a platform for psychology students to conduct research in an international setting and in their field of interest, with the aim to produce meaningful insights suitable for publication in scientific journals.

The jSchool includes lectures and seminars from experts in the field on top of six research groups led by PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. The final day of the jSchool includes formal induction into the Junior Researcher Programme.

Why become a jSchool Participant?

The jSchool is designed to create an environment where emerging researchers develop tools to enhance their abilities while delivering outcomes at a professional standard. This coincides with a special and unforgettable ambience. The jSchool allows students to work closely with and learn from experts in the field, who are invited to share their experience with the groups as well as individually.

After collecting and carefully examining application from around the world, approximately 40 applicants are selected to fill the positions within the research groups. These groups will then develop and subsequently carry out a 13-month research project. Projects are generated by Supervisors, whose area of work relates to the annual jSchool theme. Furthermore, research groups engage in presenting their work at the Junior Research Programme Conference (Cambridge, United Kingdom) and submit protocol papers to our partner, *Frontiers in Psychology*.

Expectations of a jSchool Participant

1. To be a motivated student, highly interested in conducting a cross-cultural research project (generally 13 months), working in a productive, international team.
2. To contribute from the beginning of the jSchool until their research project is completed.

Participants must be willing to commit to their research projects for the duration of the programme, beginning with full jSchool attendance. The programme starts with the jSchool in July 2017 and ends with the JRP Conference in August 2018.



jSchool Information

Where

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Venue details to be provided when selected

When

16-23 July, 2017

Contact

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Students Information

Requirements

- You must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate (e.g. BA, BSc, Dipl), postgraduate (MA, MSc), or equivalent degree-level, programme in psychology
- The cost is €275 (Euro), which covers attendance to all the activities plus accommodation.
- You must communicate fluently in English (written and spoken).
- Further information is available [here](#).

Key information

Approximately 40 participants will be selected to participate in the JRP by applying to one of the research groups at the jSchool. These groups will then develop and carry out a 13-month research project, which is the core expectation of participating.

How to Apply

Complete the application form [here](#).

You will be asked to provide a two-page CV, a photograph and a 800-word statement of purpose. Details are provided in the Application Guide, which can be found [on our website](#).

Life at jSchool 2017

At jSchool, you can expect an exciting and fulfilling week unlike any conference or workshop. You will spend several hours each day of the summer school working your research group. Though the time is yours to use as you wish, we expect that you will focus on discussing literature, theory, and objectives of the study. You and your team will be expected to produce an appropriate design and management plan for the project and to present it to the rest of the participants at the formal closing.

Students will stay at the venue together with the organisational team, supervisors, lecturers and student participants. Alongside the jSchool, you will be able to get a deeper knowledge about the JRP and all the unique opportunities it can offer to you. Apart from the academic activities and lectures, you will participate in interesting social activities in an international environment, while engaging with the rich Croatian culture and sharing your time with all the jSchool participants, including the lecturers.

jSchool 2017 Projects

Typically, jSchool projects are multi-national studies on topics relating to the general research theme. The 2017-18 theme is *Decisions: Psychology of choice*. This theme was selected in order to create innovative responses to some of the most relevant challenges faced by major international organisations where psychologists are regularly invited to contribute.

Each research team will interconnect different areas of cutting-edge psychological research with applied, influential disciplines, such as behavioural economics and public policy.

Our main question will be: *Where can evidence from psychological science make a true difference in people's lives?* We will also seek to discuss where we, as psychologists, provide unique, tangible insights that matter in daily life: economics, policy, health.

The jSchool 2017 Croatia encompasses the following projects:

1. Eating for Two? Social Norms among Pregnant and Nursing Moms.
2. Informed and Forced: Parental Decisions about Mandatory Childhood Vaccination.
3. A Nudge towards More Charitable Behaviour: Can Targeting Moral People with Morally Congruent and Relevant Messages Have Real Impact?
4. From Identity Leadership to Work Commitment.
5. Data Privacy: A Trade-off Decision?
6. Decision or Drive? Exploring the Attraction of Social Media Feeds.

As a participant, you will be allowed to apply for only one of the above projects, and you will be required to explain your motivation for selected project.



JRP Testimonials

"After those few years, JRP feels more like a family than anything else. It has given me an outstanding opportunity to meet and work with great friends and later reunite with them in the weirdest places. It also gave me experience that turned out to be pretty marketable out there and helped to open up doors to places which I wanted to go to."

Ladislav Záliř, JRP 2011-12
McKinsey & Co. (Czech Republic)

"JRP is every researcher's dream come true. The programme not only offers outstanding academic and professional possibilities, but also welcomes you to engage with a vibrant and dynamic community. When I look back, I clearly see how JRP sharpened my academic future and enriched my personal skills. It definitely is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!"

Eduardo García-Garzón, JRP 2013-14
Francisco de Vitoria University (Spain)

"The jSchool is devoted to building a positive research culture for those who desire intense engagement with their subject, and even shaping their field. Every step of the unique research process can feel like being plunged into the deep end, which requires constant discussion, reflection, guidance and advice."

Elisa Haller, JRP 2012-13
University of Zurich (Switzerland)