
Junior Researcher Programme

jSchool 2017 Croatia

16 – 23rd July

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jSchool Information

Where

Dubrovnik, Croatia – Venue details to be provided when selected

When

16-23rd July

Contact

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The 2017 jSchool Croatia

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 publish in scientific journals.

The jSchool includes lectures and seminars from experts in the field and six research groups led by Research Supervisors. The final day of the jSchool marks the beginning of student enrolment into the Junior Researcher Programme.

Why become a jSchool Supervisor?

Becoming a jSchool Research Supervisor is a unique opportunity for academic and personal development. Supervisors are given the chance to lead a group of six talented and motivated undergraduate and postgraduate psychology students in designing and conducting a cross-cultural research project of their choosing related to the theme of the jSchool: *"Decisions: The psychology of choice"*.

We are looking to recruit six determined, resilient and motivated persons with the skills and ability to lead an effective working team of six international students. Research Supervisors should be willing to commit to their proposed research projects for the entire duration of the programme. Fully fluent written and spoken English is mandatory.

Expectations of a jSchool Supervisor

- ✓ To supervise, direct and support a group of six psychology students to complete a cross-cultural research project (generally 13 months)
- ✓ To plan for and run research group sessions during the summer school
- ✓ To supply methodological and technical expertise on the research project from the outset
- ✓ To continue work on the study after the jSchool, oversee data collection and analysis, and attend the JRP Conference in the following year
- ✓ To ensure that the research project culminates in a written dissemination, at minimum, a protocols paper for our partner journal

Research Supervisors must be willing to commit to their proposed research projects for the duration of the programme. The programme starts with the jSchool in July 2017 and ends with the JRP Conference in August 2018.

Supervisors Information

Requirements

- You must be in your second or further year of PhD study or in the first three years of postdoctoral research.
- You must communicate fluently in English (written and spoken).
- You must have and continue to be primarily studying or working in psychology.

Key information

Six Research Supervisors are selected to lead small groups of Bachelor- and Master-level psychology students. These groups will then develop and carry out a 13-month research project based on the Supervisor's area of work.

How to Apply

Complete the [application form](#) at

<http://bit.ly/2k5Eyc3>

Curriculum vitae should be maximum two pages on qualifications and experience, plus publication page(s) (if necessary).

Candidates will be invited to Skype interview soon after submission deadline.

Life at jSchool 2017 Croatia

You will work, present and reside alongside five other Supervisors as well as the invited speakers during the summer school. You will be supported by the jSchool organising team and the JRP Research Officer and Director, who both have exceptional experience in research and in the JRP.

This support will not, however, account for the responsibilities that are expected from the position of a Supervisor nor will organisers intervene with your group work (apart from various scientific and managerial checks). Supervisors will stay at the venue together with the organising team, lecturers and student participants.

At the jSchool, you can expect an exciting and fulfilling week unlike any conference or workshop. You will spend several hours each day working with your research group. Whilst free to manage, we expect you to lead discussions of literature, theory, and objectives of the study. Your team is expected to produce study design and action plan for the project to be presented on the final day of the jSchool, which appropriately captures the scientific and managerial aspects of a JRP project.

jSchool 2017 Croatia Project Proposal

Typically, jSchool projects should be considered pilot studies on topics relating to the general research theme: *Decisions: The psychology of choice*. We have outlined some potential example projects below, though other ideas are very welcomed as these are meant only as idea-generators. In any case, the focus should be decision-making, choice, behaviour, and wider relevant impacts.

1. What are the differences in decisions between individuals with different levels of power in organisational settings?
2. Does overconfidence lead to unfavourable decisions?
3. Accountability of managers and the influence on decision-making
4. Does possessing Dark Triad personality traits explain damaging work behaviour?
5. The role of team conflicts on group decision-making
6. Do repetitive anti-behavioural advertisements adversely lead to unwanted behaviours?
7. Interventions based on reciprocity and reputation to increase cooperative behaviour

If the project you have in mind does not directly relate to any of the mentioned research areas, you can still apply, provided that it meets the requirements outlined in the guidance document available on the website.

Checklist for topic and method requirements

- ✓ A clear and relevant research question should be formulated.
- ✓ Description of how students can be actively involved in the research design and process.
- ✓ Feasibility of the project: It should be described how the research question can be answered within the program's frame.
- ✓ The target population should be reasonable to recruit within a certain time (+/- 6 months).
- ✓ Suggestions for recruitment of participants, methodology, and instruments should be provided.



jSchool Theme

Decisions:

The psychology of choice

We are extremely excited about the 2017 jSchool in Croatia: As part of JRP's ambitious growth plans, we expanded the scope of jSchool projects, aligning with high-impact areas identified by major public organisations. For 2017-18, we will host projects that aim to identify and address decision-making processes by providing key information to researchers and public agencies.

Our main question will be: Where can evidence truly make a difference in people's lives? Where can we, as psychologists, provide unique and tangible insights on what influences the choices we face in daily life: economics, policy, health?

In order to meet these objectives, the jSchool will focus on how psychology can contribute to overcome modern society challenges, helping researchers to complete studies in fundamental areas such as decision-making, behavioural economics, and public policy, aligning with aims of several major international organisations with whom we will partner in 2017-18.

The 2017 jSchool is intended to be the starting point of an agenda that would establish a milestone in training young psychologists to translate evidence and research to real-world impact outcomes.

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