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# Junior Researcher Programme

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## jSchool 2019 - Italy

30<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July

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

### The jSchool

The jSchool offers the chance to gain valuable experience in designing cross-cultural 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 can enhance their abilities while delivering outcomes at a professional standard. The jSchool allows students to work closely with experts in the field who are invited to share their experience with the groups as well as individually.

After collecting and carefully examining applications 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 research project within a 13-month time frame. Project outlines are generated by Supervisors, whose area of work relates to the annual jSchool theme. Furthermore, research groups are expected to prepare a manuscript for our partner journal and engage in presenting their work at the Junior Researcher Programme Conference (Cambridge, United Kingdom).

### Expectations of a jSchool Participant

1. To be a highly motivated psychology student, 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 the 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 2019 and ends with the JRP Conference in August 2020.**



### jSchool Information

#### Where

Siena, Italy

*Certosa di Pontignano*

#### When

30<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

#### 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
- You must communicate fluently in English (written and spoken).
- The cost is €305 (Euro), which covers attendance to all the activities plus accommodation and full board.
- Further information is available [here](#).

#### Key information

Approximately 40 participants will be selected to participate in one of the research groups at the 2019 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 2019

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 with 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 end of the jSchool week.

Students will stay at the venue together with the organising team, supervisors, lecturers, and student participants. Alongside the jSchool, you will be able to obtain 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 Italian culture and sharing your time with all the jSchool participants, including the lecturers.

## jSchool 2019 Projects

Typically, jSchool projects are multi-national studies on topics relating to the annual research theme. The 2019-20 theme is *Behavioural Economics: The psychology of financial choice*. This theme was selected based on its growing influence within psychological science as well as its impact on evidence-based approaches to major social challenges.

Our main question will be: *What is the evidence of behaviorally-informed interventions on major decisions? We will emphasise replications of existing findings, and then ensure that our approaches build on those that have been reliably established. While our focus is behavioural economics, we are also interested in all matters of daily living, such as health, finances, media, employment, education, and critical thinking.*

The jSchool 2019 Italy encompasses the following projects. Please follow the links for further details:

1. [Social norms for public health: How communicating herd behaviour influences vaccination rates in Europe.](#)
2. [Contextual influences on risk preferences.](#)
3. [News that nudges: How media and personality impact behaviour.](#)
4. [Organisational decision-making: How do strategic orientations influence adaptation and rational choice?.](#)
5. [Bullshit Receptivity and Susceptibility to Framing across Domains and Cultures.](#)
6. [Who is satisfied with effort? The role of inter-individual differences in valuing choice outcomes.](#)

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 the selected project. Please consider that while we try to respect your project preference, you may be allocated to another JRP project of your interest.



## JRP Testimonials

*Life as a Junior Researcher gives you the possibility to experience hands-on academic research in an international environment, with peers that are as excited and motivated as you are to contribute to a progress in science. Collaboration has its challenges, but the output in the end is overwhelming. This is possible with a bunch of smart heads building a bigger picture together. With JRP this picture is far more colossal as you could have painted by yourself.*

Gerhard Prinz, JRP 2016-17  
University of Vienna (Austria)

*Coming from a country where young psychologists have minimal opportunities for developing their research skills, becoming a Junior Researcher in 2015 was of crucial importance for my academic progress and personal growth. Frankly speaking, the JRP experience has opened numerous professional doors for me. Cooperating and building friendships with some of the most brilliant and motivated young researchers across Europe is an additional JRP benefit!*

Jovana Gjorgjiovska, JRP 2015-16  
Ss. Cyril & Methodius University (Macedonia)

*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  
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)