

# Junior Researcher Programme

## jSchool 2020 - Virtual

6<sup>th</sup> July – 11<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 the supervision of early-career researchers. 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 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 virtual jSchool in July 2020 and ends with the JRP Conference in August 2021.**



### jSchool Information

#### Where

Online – Virtual Format

From the comfort of your own home

#### When

6<sup>th</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

#### Contact

[jschool@pscholars.org](mailto:jschool@pscholars.org)

### 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 £100 (GBP). This covers the costs of the jSchool and a £50 deposit for the JRP Conference in August 2021.
- Further information is available [here](#).

#### Key information

Approximately 40 participants will be selected to participate in one of the research groups at the 2020 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 an 800-word statement of purpose. Details are provided in the [Application Guide](#), which can be found on our website.

## Life at jSchool 2020 – a virtual format

This year we have gotten creative to continue to offer opportunities to motivated students despite restriction to travel and global movement. Therefore, jSchool 2020 will look a little different as we bring the programme online into a virtual format. At jSchool Virtual, you can expect an exciting and fulfilling week unlike any conference or workshop. You will spend several hours each day online 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 have the chance to meet the organising team, supervisors, guest 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. Throughout the week, guest lectures, an open conference, and career seminars will be complimented by informal coffee conversations with JRP Alumni and other social and networking opportunities

## jSchool 2020 Projects

Typically, jSchool projects are multi-national studies on topics relating to the annual research theme. The 2020-21 theme is *Development: Psychological Science for the Next Generation*. 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.

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 developmental psychology, we are also interested in all matters of generational and developmental relevance, such as health, values, employment, and education.

The jSchool 2020 Italy encompasses the following projects. Please see our [website](#) or follow [this link](#) for further details on each project:

1. Deconstruction of personal values: Cross-national replication study.
2. The Futures in the Present: The relationship between personal and societal development.
3. The dimensionality of political ideology in boomers and zoomers: A grassroots approach.
4. Parent and child moderators of the relation between familial risk and child well-being.
5. Using a Mouse-tracker to unravel peer influence in adolescence.
6. Dietary habits, inhibition and spontaneous food intake in children: A cross-cultural study.

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)

*The JRP was a fantastic opportunity not only to develop as a researcher, but also for networking with interesting, like-minded students and academics from around the world. The programme provided valuable insight into academia and has been a worthwhile experience especially when it comes to writing up a project for publication rather than just for a good grade. It has been a year of hard work - but incredibly rewarding. I'd recommend the JRP to any aspiring researcher in psychology.*

Clarissa Sorger JRP 2016-17  
University College London (UK)