



JRP Mentoring System

WHAT IS THE MENTORING SYSTEM?

The Mentoring system is a way for alumni to stay involved with the JRP and pass their knowledge and expertise to new cohorts. It consists of a database with the contact details, research interests and areas of expertise of alumni, which will be provided to new cohorts. Teams can then contact the jMentors whenever they face a problem throughout their research or need the opinion/advice of another JRP member.

WHAT WILL MY ROLE BE?

As a jMentor you will be expected to advise the new cohort and answer research or managerial questions regarding their projects to the best of your knowledge and ability. That includes your opinion, guidance and advice - we are not expecting you to be directly involved in their research (e.g. actively collecting/analysing data). In case such an opportunity arises in which you *do* want to be directly involved in the project (i.e. become a member of the team), and you and the team are both okay with it, we would appreciate a notice and will be happy to assist in the transition.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

If you agree to be a part of the jMentor database, you will need to provide your name, email, research interests and areas of expertise, as well as additional information about specific topics on which you give advice, such as data collection, ethics approval, funding, etc. None of that is mandatory (except for your name and email) but bear in mind that the more information you provide, the easier it will be for teams to decide whether your expertise will be useful to them or not. You will have access to the database at all times, and you will be able to update your information when necessary. Your information will be handled in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulation and you will be informed of all your data-related rights upon signing up for the database.

WHO IS GOING TO CONTACT ME?

You can expect to be contacted from supervisors or team members from one or several of the teams from the new cohort. You can find a description of the 2020-2021 cohort's projects [here](#) and the 2019-2020 cohort's projects [here](#). Keep in mind that they might change throughout the year.

WHAT QUESTIONS CAN I EXPECT?

The teams can contact you with specific questions and queries they might have about the research topic/questions, methodology, analysis, preregistration, etc., based on your area of expertise, or ask you more general questions about your JRP experience (e.g. about your team's experience working together, communication, attending events, funding options etc.).

HOW OFTEN WILL I BE CONTACTED?

The frequency of your contact with the team/s can vary according to their needs and your availability. This means that you might never be contacted, or that several teams can contact you on a few occasions. Should you be contacted, it is up to you to decide how often or for how long you will be able to help them. You will also have the option to indicate in the database your "busy" periods during which you do not wish to be contacted and update them at your convenience.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP TO BE A jMENTOR?

To register as a jMentor, click on [this link](#) to complete the registration form. After that, we will give you access to the jMentor database and send you an email with instructions on how to fill in your contact details and the information outlined in one of the sections above. This will conclude your registration and the database will be sent to the teams.

HOW CAN I OPT OUT OF BEING A jMENTOR?

We will contact you every year to update you on the topic of the new cohort's project, and to remind you to update for your information. At that point, we will also ask you whether you want to continue being a jMentor. However, you can contact us at alumni@pscholars.org at any point throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns, or if you want to opt out of it, in which case we will remove your information from the database.