

Guidelines for JRP Video Testimonials

We are making extra efforts to make the application process for potential students and supervisors more accessible, and to make the programme more transparent. One of the ideas we have come up with is to produce a series of very short videos by alumni on their experience of the JRP: what you have learned, how it has influenced you and your career, and what made the programme special to you. The videos will be uploaded on the JRP website and YouTube channel.

As such, we would be thrilled if you were to support us in this endeavour and happy to record a short (2-5 minutes) video of yourself, talking about your experience and specifically, the below (you may choose what you find most relatable):

1. Introduce yourself by name, the cohort you were in and your role in the JRP (junior researcher, supervisor, or other) (and if you want, what you are currently doing).
2. Why did you apply for the programme?
3. What did you enjoy most about JRP?
4. Which experience at the JRP has been most valuable for your career so far?
5. Alternatively, feel free to describe the journey of your research project (the different stages of your research, tasks you had to do in between JRP events, the progress you achieved during the programme and whether you continued working after that, etc.).

This is meant as a guideline, but you can have fun with the content. Feel free to add anything else you think might be useful and interesting for the future applicants.

We would like these to look as professional as possible – we will edit the videos, so your recording does not have to be perfect. However, it would aid us if you could make it as structured as possible. You can use whatever you have available to film yourself, e.g., a smartphone, camera, as long as the resolution is relatively high and the sound quality is fine. Remember to record the video horizontally and place your phone on a stable surface instead of holding it while recording. As far as possible, try and record indoors in a quiet place, with your shoulders visible, with no shadows or weird lighting. Try to speak as clearly as possible. Before you start talking and after you finish speaking on one topic, please allow five seconds of silence, so we can make video cuts easily.

Please send in your videos to our email (alumni@pscholars.org). We will send you the final cut of your video before it is uploaded and you will always have the opportunity to ask us to remove your testimonial, should you change your mind.

Let us know if you have any questions or issues, we will do what we can to aid you. Thank you very much in advance; we really appreciate your help!