The Open Conference

All you need to know about the event

Junior Researcher Programme: jSchool 2021

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The **Open Conference (OC)** represents one of the annual Junior Researcher Programme (JRP) events held during the **jSchool**, and open to all non-participating students and academics. Early career researchers from all over the world are invited to present and discuss their past or current research in any field of Psychology (or related) with interested participants.

It is an unmissable opportunity for young aspiring researchers in Psychology to learn about studies being carried out internationally, network with groups of early career researchers and academics, and present their ideas and findings to a friendly group of fellow students from around the world.

Individuals from all backgrounds related to Psychology are welcome to join and participate, regardless of their experience in research. **The event is open also to those solely interested in learning about research, but who do not wish to present.**

The Open Conference at the 2021 jSchool

This year, the OC will be running for the fourth consecutive year as part of the jSchool 2021 on the **9th July 2021**, from **14:30 to 19:00 (CET).**

The event will:

- be held in **English**
- be **free of charge**
- follow a **virtual online format** (Zoom details TBC)

As part of the conference, participants will:

- **attend poster sessions** of early career researchers, by virtually moving around a conference room and listen in to their research presentations
- **Participate in a** *panel discussion* **on "Research and science communication"**
- **Network with other participants** during the social research event scheduled at the end of the poster session
- **receive a JRP certificate of presentation or attendance** in a digital format.
- have the chance to **win the best poster competition**, based on their research rationale, poster design, audience engagement.

How to register and attend the OC

To be able to present or attend in the Open Conference, all individuals must register their place at the Open Conference. Our registration process is structured in a streamlined way, to ensure registrants' experience is as smooth and clear as possible. **Please take all the following steps, to make sure you do not make mistakes when registering your place at the Open Conference.** Ignoring these may reduce your chances of being selected.

1. Decide if you want to present at the event

Our event is open to all individuals interested in learning more about research in Psychology (and related fields) being carried out from early career researchers and academics from all over the world.

Participants can therefore register as either:

- **Presenters:** These are individuals who wish to attend the event and present their research.
- **Attendees:** These are individuals who wish to attend the event, without presenting any research.

2. Check your eligibility

Presenters must:

- Be students or graduates from any University in the world, conducting research concerning any field of Psychology (or related)
- Demonstrate a standard-high level of English
- Ensure they are given permission by their co-authors to present, where their research has been carried out in collaboration with other researchers

There are **no eligibility criteria for attendees**.

3. Complete the registration form online

Regardless of whether you'll be participating in the OC as a presenter or attendee, **you must register via the [online registration form](#)** by the **20th June 2021** (23:59 CET).

Presenters must include:

- their research title and abstract
- their co-authors name(s) and affiliation(s), where applicable.

4. Receive confirmation of participation

After the deadline of the registration form, the JRP Board will select which research will be granted a space at the Open Conference. All presenters will be informed of the selection outcome via e-mail by the **22th June**. Unsuccessful presenters will be encouraged to participate at the Open Conference as attendees.

All attendees that register online will be granted a space at the OC.

5. Prepare for the poster session

Presenters will be allocated a 20 minutes' slot, during which they can present and discuss their research with their audience, through a virtual poster. We expect researchers to explain their presentation at the start of their slot (**10 minutes**), leaving the remaining time open for asking questions, discussing research ideas and receiving feedback. It is expected that presenters relate in a professional manner with their audience.

All successful presenters will have until the **30th June** (23:59 CET time) to submit their poster to jschool@pscholars.org. This will allow the JRP Team to include a link to each poster on the event proceedings, ensuring the audience have access to the research posters only on the day of the conference, thus avoiding technical difficulties.

Posters must be:
- in English and highly academic
- on one PowerPoint slide (portrait orientation)
- in a standard A0 format (84,1 x 118,9 cm)
- minimum 15 font size.

You can find poster templates here. Please remember this is merely an example.

6. Get ready for the event!

All presenters and attendees will receive the event proceedings before the conference. The schedule below is approximate, and may undergo changes which will be communicated to all attendees.

- **Welcome:** 14:30-14:45
- **Panel discussion:** 14:45-16:00
- **Poster session:** 16:15-18:00
- **Social networking:** 18:15-19:00