

EFPSA European Summer School 2017

Student Application Guide

Introduction

This document contains detailed information to be used by psychology students to guide them in their application to join the European Summer School to be held in Cyprus in July, 2017. We will select 36 applicants to fill positions within six research projects. Please read the following information carefully as it will affect the outcome of your application.

There are four parts to the application process:

1. Personal Information
2. Statement of Motivation
3. Research Project Preference
4. CV

Expectations of ESS participants

Obligations begin with reviewing group materials prior to the ESS and attendance at the ESS, which includes arriving on the scheduled meeting day (10 July) and remaining for the entire week (17 July). There can be no exceptions to these dates so please ensure that, if selected, you are able to arrive no later than the morning of the 10th and depart no earlier than afternoon of the 17th. Details will be provided after selection.

The participation fee for this year's ESS will be €210.

Additional obligations are explained during the ESS – once these are met, students may be invited to join the Junior Researcher Programme. Following the ESS through until the end of their project, groups will function independently with support of the JRP team and their Research Supervisor. In short, all participants are expected to contribute from the beginning of the ESS until their research project is completed.

Participation in the Junior Researcher Programme is a 12-month commitment.

What we look for in candidates

The best candidates will exhibit an openness and desire to engage in psychological research, cultural diversity, and independent group work.

Given the long-distances involved in ESS research, we also look for students who will communicate regularly, clearly and effectively – participants must be able to engage on a regular basis following the ESS. This explicitly includes comfortable communication in written and spoken English.

Given the multicultural nature of the ESS, as well as the constraints imposed by long-distance collaboration on research projects, candidates are encouraged to display their capacity to work effectively and efficiently across a range of challenging circumstances, particularly time management in respect of other commitments.

Criteria for student participants

You must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate (e.g. BA, BSc, Dipl), postgraduate (MA, MSc), or equivalent degree-level, programme in psychology. If you have recently completed your degree, please contact us to check eligibility.

You must be a citizen of a country within the Council of Europe or legally registered exchange student at an accredited European university.

You must be able to communicate fluently in English (written and spoken). You should be able to listen to lectures and participate in seminars in English with general ease, as well as assert your own thoughts and ideas in group discussion.

Part 2 | Statement of Motivation

The ESS provides research experience to students, but it is also about culture and gaining all-round experience – please keep this in mind as you complete your application. Below are two topics which we would like applicants to expand on. Applicants may write about all or just some of the following points. (max. 500 words)

Research Experience: Please indicate any research experience you have, including undergraduate dissertations/theses and particularly extracurricular work. For those who have not participated in research, please describe your interest and motivation in the area. NB: the ESS is aimed at providing students of all levels the opportunity to participate in research, so inexperience is not a disqualification so long as motivation is clearly described. There is no need to overstate experience if you feel you have not had sufficient opportunities.

Personal Motivation: We want to know why you are applying for the ESS. What are your career aspirations? What aspects of the ESS and its theme do you find most appealing? What do you want to gain from the ESS? What makes you an ideal candidate for the ESS?

Part 3 | Research Project Preference

Designate your first and second choice of Research Projects in the appropriate box. For your first choice, please explain what appeals to you about this project, why you wish to join it, and what you would bring to the project in terms of experience and skills. Please explain only your interests and do not outline the topic itself. (max. 300 words)

Part 4 | Curriculum Vitae

Please limit your CV to two pages. Extensions beyond this are only accepted in the case of publications and conference/poster presentations. Although we expect candidates to be at good standing at their universities, please refrain from using course marks from school/university or sending grade records.

Submission

In order to apply, you will need to complete and submit the student application form, and attach your CV (saved as "Surname_CV2017") [here](#). Please do not include any additional documents.

You should submit your application by **17th May (23:59 CET)**.

Note: You may notice that we request relatively short texts for your application. Please follow the stated limits or we will be unable to judge your application fairly. Everyone is held to the same criteria, so you are advised to include only the most relevant information – ignoring these guidelines will reduce your chances of being selected. We aim to confirm the outcome of applications within a couple of days after the deadline.

Please address any questions to the JRP team at jrp@efpsa.org. Good luck to all applicants.

Sincerely,
The JRP team