

EFPSA European Summer School 2016 | Student Application Guide

Introduction

This document contains detailed information for potential applicants for the European Summer School (ESS) to be held in Turkey in July 2016. We will select a total of 36 applicants to fill positions within six research projects. Please read this document carefully as it provides essential information for 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

Due to the nature of the work that will take place during the ESS, there are some things that are really important to abide by. For example, if successfully selected, you will be provided with some readings before the week begins. Additionally attendance for the full duration of the ESS is essential. This involves arriving on the scheduled meeting day (17th July) and remaining for the entire week (until 24th July). There cannot be any exceptions to these dates so please ensure your availability before committing. Further details will be provided after selection.

Upon successfully completing the ESS, students are invited to join the Junior Researcher Programme. This involves each of the ESS groups working together until the end of their project. Each of the six groups will function independently with support from the JRP team and their Research Supervisor. Participation in the Junior Researcher Programme is a 12-month commitment.

What we look for in applicants

Applicants should exhibit an openness and desire to engage in psychological research, and self-organised group work in a culturally diverse environment.

Given the multicultural nature of the ESS, as well as the constraints imposed by long-distance collaboration on research projects, applicants should also display their capacity to work effectively and efficiently across a range of circumstances, particularly time management and cultural awareness. A high standard of both written and spoken English is essential.

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

Statement of Motivation

The ESS provides research experience to students, but it is also about cultural exchange – 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 or experience. 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 with the opportunity to participate in research, so a lack of experience is not a disqualification provided that motivation is clearly described.

Personal Motivation: We want to know why you are applying for the ESS. 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?

Research Project Preference

Please indicate your first and second choice of Research Projects that you would like to join by selecting the names of the Project Supervisors. For both of your choices, please explain what appeals to you about these projects, why you wish to join them, and what you would bring to the projects in terms of experience and skills. Please explain only your interests and do not outline the topic itself. (max. 250 words for the first, and 150 words for the second choice)

Curriculum Vitae

Please limit your CV to two pages. Although we expect candidates to be at good standing at their universities, please refrain from using course marks from school/university.

Submission

In order to apply, you will need to complete and submit the student application form, and attach your CV (saved as “ESS2016_Surname_CV”) [here](#).

You must submit your application by Friday 20th May, 23.59 CET.

NB: You may notice that we request relatively short texts for your application. Everyone is held to the same criteria, so you are advised to include only the most relevant information – ignoring these guidelines will reduce your likelihood of being selected. We aim to confirm the outcome of applications by Monday 23rd May.

Please address any questions to the ESS team at ess@efpsa.org.

The ESS 2016 International Team