

EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme (JRP)

Advisors Guidelines

Introduction

The EFPSA (European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations) Junior Research Programme (JRP) is a twelve-month research programme that involves students, PhD and postdoctoral researchers and established academics. This programme offers a unique opportunity to develop research abilities, teamwork, leadership, interpersonal skills and academic skills. Each year there are at least six teams, which are made up of six undergraduate or master students and are led by a PhD or a postdoctoral researcher.

The programme starts with the European Summer School (ESS). Each year, there is a common theme that connects the work of all of the groups together, although each group works on an individual research topic within that theme. During this event, all of the participants meet and begin to work on their projects, specifically on the development of their design. After this, the groups work intensively for 12 months to complete their projects, working mainly long-distance with their team. Upon completion, all of the participants meet again, in person for a conference - the Junior Researcher Programme Conference. During this conference, each group is given the opportunity to present their project. Additionally, there are external speakers that present their work to these groups.

Throughout the year, each group is also given the opportunity to submit their work to EFPSA's own peer-reviewed journal - Journal of European Psychology Students (JEPS). This journal is an open-access, double blind, journal, which provides students with the opportunity to share their research, gain experience in publishing and improve their scientific skills through the delivery of extensive and constructive feedback on their work to date from the reviewers. Furthermore, each group also get the opportunity to present their work at the annual EFPSA Congress - a seven-day scientific event that takes place with over 350 European Psychology students and invited speakers each year.

An important part of the JRP is the Advisors. There can be up to three psychologists (who are actively involved in research and have the relevant experience in working with students) holding this position simultaneously who will form a small team. Their role is primarily

offering guidance, advice and support to the groups and supervisors about their research from both practical and theoretical sides.

General information

- The JRP Advisors' mandate lasts for 12 months, with the option of reapplying for the same position for an additional two years
- The JRP advisors work closely with the JRP Team Research Responsible and EFPSA's Vice President, as well as the groups' supervisors

Core responsibilities

- Monitoring the scientific progress and quality of the ESS groups' projects
- Providing support, guidance and advice to each of the teams
- Ad-hoc consultancy about ESS and JRP Internship and Conference
- Input into the selection of the supervisors
- Input into the selection of the Research Responsible
- Input into the decision of the ESS topic

Additional tasks

- Attend the ESS and give a presentation or workshop on a related topic*
- Attend the JRP Conference and give a presentation or workshop on a related topic*

*Although these are ideal, they are not compulsory from any Advisor

Skills and experiences

- Obtained PhD (required)
- Academic and/or research career
- Strong command of English
- Ability to work online with dynamic groups