



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences 2(QMSS 2)
A European Science Foundation Research Networking Programme
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Applications are invited for places on three summer schools to be run in summer 2009, supported by the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences programme of the European Science Foundation. These summer schools are the first in a series of twelve and will provide opportunities for junior researchers to undertake high-level training in the latest developments in quantitative methods. They will also enable researchers to interact and share ideas and expertise based upon recent research.

The three summer schools in 2009 are as follows:

- **Introduction to event history analysis with a special focus on cross-national comparisons**
18 – 26 August 2009, Paris, France
- **Social Network Analysis using Pajek**
29 June – 7 July, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Projection methods for ethnicity and immigration status**
2 – 9 July 2009, Leeds, UK

Applications to participate in these events are invited from well-qualified junior scholars, who are researching quantitative methods or using quantitative methods in research in the social sciences and who are seeking to extend and broaden their skills.

Twenty-five junior scholars will be selected to participate in each Summer School. Selection will be primarily on the basis of merit, subject to consideration of balance with respect to country and discipline.

The accommodation and meal costs at the Summer schools will be covered, but applicants need to pay for their own travel costs. Only in exceptional cases of hardship, will contributions be made to travel costs. Successful applicants will be expected to attend for the entire duration of the summer school.

Eligibility: Applicants should be completing, or have recently completed, doctoral work in a relevant field of study and should be from one of the eighteen participating European countries listed on the web-site below.

Application Procedure: Applications should consist of a short CV together with a covering letter of no more than 500 words in English. The letter should include an explanation of how the applicant's research plans relate both to the QMSS 2 programme and, specifically, to any of the Summer Schools. The applicant needs to select which summer school is their first choice and whether they wish to be considered for 2nd or 3rd choice if first choice is not available. A recommendation letter by a PhD supervisor or other established scholar is also required.

Applications should be sent by e-mail by **31 January 2009** to the Programme Coordinator, Ruth Durrell, Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research, School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester, Humanities Bridgeford Street, Manchester M13 9PL UK, e-mail ruth.durrell@manchester.ac.uk.

All applicants will be informed about the outcome through e-mail by April 2009.

Further information about the programme is available via the ESF website at <http://www.esf.org/index.php?id=4858> or the QMSS 2 website at <http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/index.shtml>.