

## **EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme (JRP) | Conference Coordinator Guidelines**

### ***Introduction***

The EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme (EFPSA JRP) is an EFPSA Service through which a twelve-month research programme is run. This programme involves students, PhD and postdoctoral researchers, and established academics and offers a unique opportunity to develop research abilities, teamwork, leadership, interpersonal skills and academic skills. Each year there are (generally) six teams, which are made up of (generally six) undergraduate or master students and are led by a PhD or a postdoctoral researcher referred to as Supervisor.

### ***JRP Year***

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 (JRP) 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. Students of the university hosting the conference are given the possibility to join the event. 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.

### ***JRP Conference Coordinator***

The JRP Conference Coordinator has an essential role in this programme. The Conference Coordinator guides a team in the preparation and organization of the JRP Conference, which hosts the Junior Researchers graduating from the JRP and their supervisors as well as external guests. The JRP Conference Coordinator should be a psychology student or PhD student and able to host the JRP Conference at the university they are currently studying at. Therefore, the Conference Coordinator is the first person to be recruited in terms of the organization of the JRP Conference. They are then responsible for finding an Organizing Committee (Org.Com) from the

same country/region that would organize and host the JRP Conference and therefore also serves as the link between the university and the JRP Team.

### ***General Information***

- The JRP Conference Coordinator must be willing to host the JRP Conference at the University they study at or are affiliated with.
- The JRP Conference Coordinator recruits an Organizing Committee.
- The JRP Conference Coordinator works closely with the JRP Coordinator and EFPSA's Vice President.
- The JRP Conference Coordinator holds an official EFPSA position, is approved by EFPSA's Member Representatives and is accountable to the Events Office.

### ***Core Responsibilities***

- To find an Org.Com that would host the JRP Conference.
- To chair the Organizing Committee (Org.Com).
- To coordinate the administrative, financial, marketing, scientific and social aspects of the JRP Conference.
- To be the link between the university and the JRP team.

### ***Skills and Experiences***

- Strong command of English
- Ability to work online with dynamic groups
- Organizational skills
- Project management skills
- Communication skills
- Leadership skills