

## **EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme | Information & Structure**

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. These teams come together during the European Summer School (ESS) that happens annually in the month of July. Once the ESS concludes, the research groups are automatically entered into the EFPSA Junior Researcher Programme and the participants are then referred to as Junior Researchers. The JRP year ends with the JRP Conference in August, during which the teams can present their (preliminary) results.

In this document you will find more information about the EFPSA JRP and its structure.

### **External Positions**

#### **1. ESS Supervisors**

The European Summer School Supervisors apply with a research project related to the theme of the event and to lead a team of Junior Researchers in conducting the study. During the ESS the Supervisors discuss the literature, theory, design and objectives of the study and plan out how the research project will be conducted over the coming twelve months. The main responsibilities of an ESS Supervisor are to supervise, direct and support a group of (generally six) psychology students conducting a cross-cultural research project through to its completion (generally 12 months); to plan for and run research group sessions during the summer school; to supply methodological and technical knowledge on the research project from the outset; to continue to work on the study after the ESS - oversee data collection and analysis; to ensure the research project culminates in a written dissemination; and to keep in regular contact with the JRP Team and the JRP Advisory Board. The Supervisor is also expected to be present, along with their teams, at the JRP Conference (generally held in August) where the final results of the studies are presented.

*The Calls for Supervisors would ideally be advertised through EFPA due to the fact that they have the largest network of European psychologists and EFPSA has maintained a very good collaboration with them throughout the past number of years.*

## **2. JRP Advisory Board**

The Junior Researcher Programme Advisory Board consists of professional psychologists involved in research who have relevant experience in working with students. Their role includes working with the JRP Team and providing support, guidance and advice to the ESS groups (that is the Junior Researchers and Supervisors). Essentially, their role is to advise the Supervisors throughout the programme, particularly in terms of assistance with ethical approval applications, review of methodology reports, review of design etc. The Advisory Board is invited to attend the ESS as well as the JRP Conference held the following year.

## **3. JRP Conference Organising Committee (org.com)**

The head of the JRP Conference org.com (JRP Conference Coordinator) is the first person to be recruited in terms of the organisation of the JRP Conference and Internship and has to be from the same country/region that would host the JRP Conference. He or she is then responsible for finding an Organising Committee (Org.Com) and the whole team organises the Conference and the Internship. Therefore, the head of the org.com also serves as the link between the university and the JRP Team.

*The Coordinator of the Organising Committee would formally hold an official EFPSA position as a Coordinator of the Organising Committee, is approved by Member Representatives and is accountable to the Events Office.*

## **Executive Board Positions**

### **1. JRP Coordinator**

The JRP Team will consist of a JRP Coordinator, who is responsible for coordinating the work of the Service namely by overseeing the Research Responsible, overseeing the scientific aspects of the upcoming European Summer School (selection of Supervisors and participants,

development of the Scientific Programme) and overseeing the scientific aspects of the JRP Conference and Internship. The Coordinator is also responsible to keep regular contact with the Advisory Board and the JRP Conference [org.com](http://org.com).

## **2. Research Responsible**

Their main responsibilities include participating in the selection of the ESS Supervisors and participants, and communicating with the research groups through the Communications Representative (a person selected within each team to be the principal contact person) and Supervisors. They are responsible for assisting the research groups in developing a timeline for their studies and making sure each group keeps up with their deadlines, receiving and passing on regular updates from the teams, and assisting with any issues brought forward. They are also responsible to assist with communication with the Journal of European Psychology Students (JEPS) team, in order to assist in the proceedings required to submit Registered Reports and manuscripts to the team.

## **3. Team member**

The team member is responsible for supporting the JRP Coordinator and the Research Responsible with their tasks and taking part in every aspect of the JRP year organization.

*All three positions are elected at the annual EFPSA Congress, and their mandate lasts until the conclusion of the EFPSA JRP Cohort that they are following. Therefore, once approved by the Member Representatives, the team is responsible for the scientific programme of the upcoming ESS, and seeing through the Junior Researcher Programme of the same mandate until its completion the following year. This means that between the months of the Congress (generally April) and the EFPSA JRP Conference and Internship (generally August) there will be an overlapping mandate between the previous JRP Team and the current JRP Team. In this way, the Junior Researcher Programme, is followed from start to finish by the same team which is particularly important since the programme involves a significant amount of externals, namely the Supervisors and the Advisory Board.*

*Example:*

*The JRP Team 2016-2017 will continue to follow the Junior Researcher Programme that will end in August 2017. The JRP Team 2017-2018 are elected at the EFPSA Congress in April 2017, will start working on the upcoming ESS and will follow the Junior Researchers until the end of the Programme in August 2018. Between April and August 2017 there will be two JRP Coordinators, two JRP Research Responsibles and two team members, the former following the current programme 2016-2017 and the latter working towards the upcoming programme 2017-2018.*

**4. Additional Information**

- i. The positions of Supervisors and the Advisory Board are not official EFPSA Positions and therefore do not need to be approved by the General Assembly.