



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 four Summer Schools to be run in summer 2010, supported by the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences 2 programme of the European Science Foundation. These 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 four Summer Schools in 2010 are as follows:

- **Advanced methods for the analysis of complex event history data**
27 June – 2 July 2010, Bristol, UK
- **Methodological aspects of the use of composite scores in cross-cultural research**
1 – 8 September 2010, Vienna, Austria
- **Understanding survey quality**
13 - 20 August 2010, Switzerland
- **Summer school in “R”**
1 - 7 September 2010, Bucharest, Romania

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 applicants 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 language of instruction will be English.

Accommodation and meal costs at the Summer Schools will be covered, but applicants must find 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 either be a citizen of, or working in, one of the nineteen participating European countries listed on the QMSS 2 web-site (see 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 should indicate their first choice of Summer Schools and whether they wish to be considered for another of the Schools if this is not available. A recommendation letter by a PhD supervisor or other established scholar is also required. For further guidance on what to include in the application, see www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/summer/guide.shtml

Applications should be sent by e-mail by **25 January 2010** to qmss2@manchester.ac.uk . All applicants will be informed about the outcome through e-mail by April 2010.

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