# Junior Researcher Programme

# jSchool 2022: Italy

3rd – 10th July 2022

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## The 2022 jSchool Italy

The jSchool offers the chance to gain valuable experience in designing multi-country research in small groups under supervision of early-career researchers. It provides a platform for psychology students to conduct research in an international setting and in their field of interest, with the aim to publish in scientific journals.

The jSchool includes lectures and seminars from experts in the field, and six research groups led by Research Supervisors. The final day of the jSchool marks the beginning of student enrolment into the Junior Researcher Programme.

## Why become a Research Supervisor?

Becoming a Research Supervisor in the Junior Researcher Programme is a unique opportunity for academic and personal development. Supervisors are given the chance to lead a group of six talented and motivated undergraduate and postgraduate psychology students in designing and conducting a cross-country research project of their choosing related to the theme: *Sustainability: What Psychology can Contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.*

## Expectations of a Research Supervisor

- ✓ To demonstrate skill and enthusiasm for psychological research related to the theme of sustainability
- ✓ We are looking to recruit six determined, resilient, and motivated researchers with the skills and ability to supervise, direct, and support a group of six international psychology students to complete a cross-cultural research project (generally 13 months)
- ✓ To plan for and run research group sessions during the summer school
- ✓ To supply methodological and technical expertise on the research project from the outset, while also seeking input from senior academics or other experts in psychological science
- ✓ To continue working on the study after the jSchool, oversee all aspects of the project, and attend the JRP Conference in the following year
- ✓ To encourage reliability in scientific dissemination, all projects will preregister study protocols with a partner journal.

**Research Supervisors must be willing to commit to their proposed research projects for the duration of the programme. The programme starts with the jSchool in July 2022 and ends with the JRP Conference in August 2023.**

## jSchool Information

### Where
Siena, Italy

### When
3rd-10th July 2022
*Supervisors arrive on 2nd July*

### Contact
[researchofficer@pscholars.org](mailto:researchofficer@pscholars.org)

## Supervisors Information

### Key information
Six Research Supervisors are selected to lead small groups of Bachelor and Master-level psychology students. These groups will then develop and carry out a 13-month research project based on the supervisor's area of work.

### Eligibility
• You must be in your second or further year of PhD study or in the first three years of postdoctoral research.
• You must be able to communicate fluently in English (written and spoken).
• You either must be primarily a researcher in psychology or have completed substantial prior training in psychological research methods
• You must fit all other guidelines presented in the documents listed below

### How to Apply
Read the [application guidance form](application guidance form) and complete [the application form](the application form).

Curriculum vitae should be maximum two pages on qualifications and experience, plus publications (if necessary). **Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview, which will be held on Saturday, 26th February 2022.**

## Life at jSchool 2022 in Italy

During the summer school, you will work, present, and reside alongside five other supervisors. You will be supported by the jSchool organising team, the Research Officer, and the JRP Director, all of whom have experience in research within the programme. Organisers will not intervene with your group work (apart from various scientific and managerial checks), and you will be responsible for all leadership and scientific oversight.

At the jSchool, you can expect an exciting and fulfilling week unlike any conference or workshop. You will spend several hours each day working with your research group. Whilst you are free to manage your own team, we expect you to lead discussions of literature, theory, and objectives of the study. Your team is expected to produce the study design and action plan for the project to be presented on the final day of the jSchool.

## Project Proposal

All jSchool projects feature topics relating to the general research theme – *Sustainability: What Psychology can Contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.* We also require all projects to meet the standards of reproducible science by encouraging early stages of study to involve some level of replication. We have outlined some potential example projects below, though other ideas are very welcome as these are meant only as idea-generators. The general focus should relate to sustainability with flexibility regarding the population of study therein.

1. Public perceptions and prioritization of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals across countries (see Bain et al., 2019, Chen et al., 2021)
2. How can we improve public health and well-being in general or in specific contexts such as the workplace (see Di Fabio, 2017, Brewer et al., 2017)?
3. Relationship between different types of values and green behaviors (see Bolderdijk et al., 2013)
4. What are the effects of different learning strategies on life-long learning (see Endres et al., 2021)?
5. How can (re)connecting people with nature promote climate action as well as public health and well-being (see Martin et al., 2020)?
6. How can we improve decision-making to reduce inequalities (see Durand et al., 2014)?

If the project you have in mind does not directly relate to any of the mentioned research areas, you can still apply, provided that it meets the requirements outlined in the guidance document available on the website. You are welcomed to contact us in advance to discuss project ideas.

## jSchool Theme
Sustainability: What Psychology can Contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

## Checklist for topic and method requirements

- ✓ A clear and relevant research question should be formulated.
- ✓ Description of how students can be actively involved in the research design and process.
- ✓ Feasibility of the project: It should be described how the research question can be answered within the programme's frame
- ✓ The target population should be reasonable to recruit within a certain time (+/- 6 months).
- ✓ Suggestions for recruitment of participants, methodology, and instruments should be provided.
- ✓ To meet the standards of reproducible science, some level of replication should be involved.

## Any questions?

*Please send any questions you have about applying or being a Supervisor to researchofficer@pscholars.org*

## Note from Director

*We are delighted to host the 2022 jSchool in the stunning Certosa di Pontignano in Siena, Italy. Following the growing tradition of JRP teams making real-world impact through their research, we are also excited to having the 2022-2023 theme of Sustainability, an essential topic psychology today. Being a supervisor in the JRP is a tremendous opportunity to gain experience in leading research for early career psychological scientists. From the proposal through publication, this project is yours to lead, which means you will get a chance to develop your own professional portfolio on topics of your choosing with the support of multiple enthusiastic young researchers from around the world. We do hope you'll consider proposing a project and I very much look forward to welcoming you into the programme this summer in Italy.*

*Kai Ruggeri*
*Columbia University | Director of the Junior Researcher Programme*