



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 a Summer School to be run in summer 2012, supported by the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences 2 programme of the European Science Foundation. It will provide opportunities for junior researchers to undertake high-level training in the latest developments in quantitative methods. It will also enable researchers to interact and share ideas and expertise based upon recent research.

- **Surveying immigrants and minorities**
27 June – 4 July 2012, Paris, France

The summer school is dedicated to the specificities of survey taking with immigrants and minorities, rare populations not always identified in censuses or population registers. Investigators require imaginative strategies to build representative samples of these populations. Moreover, reaching immigrants and minorities may involve more difficulties than for the mainstream population, e.g. issues in language, location of residence, more or less illegal status. Non response rates and weighting procedures may also be affected by the characteristics of the targeted population. The summer school will also address the issues related to design and implementation of immigrant and minorities surveys.

Applications 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. 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, six lunches and two/three dinners at the Summer School will be covered, but applicants must find their own travel costs and the remainder of their subsistence. 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 the Summer School. 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 to arrive no later than **9 January 2012** to ruth.durrell@manchester.ac.uk. All applicants will be informed by email about the outcome at the end of March 2012.

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