



**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 two Summer Schools to be run in summer 2011, 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 language of instruction will be English.

The two Summer Schools in 2011 are as follows:

**Analysis methods for cross-national comparisons**

Second half of August 2011, Leuven, Belgium

**Network dynamics**

29 August - 6 September 2011, Groningen, the Netherlands

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.

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 doctoral students in a relevant field of study or have been awarded a PhD within the past five years. They 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 the other school if this is not available. A recommendation letter by a PhD supervisor or other established scholar is also required. Selection will be primarily on the basis of the strength of the candidate's application and the letter of recommendation from their supervisor, subject to consideration of balance with respect to country and discipline.

For further guidance on what to include in the application, see [www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/summer/guide.shtml](http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/qmss/summer/guide.shtml)

Applications should be sent by e-mail to arrive no later than **31 January 2011** to [ruth.durrell@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.durrell@manchester.ac.uk). All applicants will be informed by email about the outcome no later than the end of April 2011.

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