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GAPSY2 Summer School
Applicant Instructions

Instructions to Applicants

Applications will be judged primarily on the **Personal Statement** and **Abstract**. Personal Statements and Abstracts will be de-identified as necessary before review. To ensure a fair and unbiased review process, please follow these instructions:

- **Do not name specific people or institutions** in your Personal Statement or Abstract unless essential for understanding. Please omit references. We will ask for references if needed.
- Focus on your **motivation** in the Personal Statement and your **scientific/research thinking** in the Abstract.
- Use a **legible** standard font of **reasonable** size for your supporting documents.
- Do not exceed **one** page (A4 or Letter) for your submitted **Personal Statement**.
- Do not exceed **one** page (A4 or Letter) for your submitted **Abstract**.

Application Requirements

1. **Online Form**
   - Complete the online form: Coming Soon!
   - Ensure all fields are filled out accurately and completely.
2. **Curriculum Vitae (PDF)**
   - Filename: `[surname]_curriculum.pdf`
   - Include your educational background, research experience, publications, and relevant skills.
   - **Note:** This document should include your institutional affiliations.
3. **Personal Statement (PDF)**
   - Filename: `[surname]_statement.pdf`

- **Maximum** length: 1 page (A4/Letter)
- Focus on your motivation to attend GAPSY2, your interest in sex- and gender-sensitive research, and how the Summer School aligns with your goals.
- **Blind Review Guidance:** Do not name specific people or institutions. Focus on your motivation and scientific/research thinking.

4. **Abstract (PDF)**
   - Filename: `[surname]_abstract.pdf`
   - **Maximum** length: 1 page (A4/Letter)
   - Describe a hypothetical, planned, or completed research scenario where sex and/or gender are key variables in the scientific question and experimental design.
   - **Focus on sex and/or gender differences** rather than on a single sex or gender.
   - **Blind Review Guidance:** Do not name famous people or institutions. Focus on your research thinking and ideas.
   - **Note:** Accepted applicants will be expected to present an A0 poster based on the submitted abstract to the other participants and faculty during the Summer School.
5. **Lightning Introduction Slide (PDF)**
   - Filename: `[surname]_introduction.pdf`
   - Prepare **one** slide introducing yourself as a person, your personal and/or scientific interests, interesting facts about you, and your goals.
   - **Note:** At the beginning of the summer school, you will introduce yourself to the other participants and faculty. The lightning introductions should take no longer than 3 minutes.

If Invited to Participate

If invited to participate, you will be expected to submit the following to keep your place:

- **Introduction Slide:** `[surname]_introduction.pdf` (1 slide MAXIMUM) - Prepare one slide introducing yourself as a person, your personal and/or scientific interests, interesting facts, and your goals.
- **A0 Poster:** `[surname]_A0_poster.pdf` - Prepare and submit your A0 poster as a high-quality PDF suitable for printing. Prepare it as you would for a presentation at an international conference.
- **Pre-Summer School Survey:** If you have confirmed your attendance, you will be required to complete a survey Prior to the summer school.
- **Deadline:** Upload the requested documents (PDFs) by **Sunday, 27 September 2026**. Details will follow. If not submitted, your place and accommodation may be reallocated to someone on the waitlist.
- **Post-Summer School Evaluation:** Before receiving your signed certificate on the final day, you will be required to complete an on-line summer school evaluation.

Assessment

Applications will be judged based on the **Personal Statement** and **Abstract**, with highest weight placed on these documents consistent with the candidate's training level. Invitations will be sent during July, with additional offers made on a rolling basis to those on the waitlist.

Deadlines

Online **application** with supporting **documents** as soon as possible

A0 **Poster** and Introduction **Slide** by: Sunday, **27 September 2026**

Applications first received will be given priority and will receive an early decision.

Funding Considerations

Funding Disclaimer & Process

All financial support is subject to the availability of summer school funds. While we strive to minimize personal costs, we cannot fully guarantee reimbursement of every expense. Wherever possible, we intend to handle costs via direct invoicing rather than reimbursement. Participants who can obtain travel funding from home institutions are encouraged to do so, as this enables us to extend support to those who cannot.

Accommodation & Meals

Hotel: Rooms are booked as a group block of rooms with a group rate. Breakfast is provided at the hotel. Please confirm you would like to reserve a room and if you are willing to share a room with another applicant that you know. Meals: Lunches, refreshments, and evening dinners will be catered or provided through the venue's cafeteria. Check-in/out: October 5 (check-in) through October 8 (check-out) for eligible participants. Poster Production Participants may submit their posters to the Summer School organizers for direct printing if received by the deadline (TBD). If direct printing is not feasible, you may print the poster independently and submit a valid receipt for reimbursement.

Travel Expenses

We aim to cover public transportation costs to and from Tübingen for participants unable to secure their own travel funding. As with other expenses, this depends on available funds. Valid receipts are required for all reimbursement claims.

Historical Context

In the previous year, all participants were made whole. No one had to bear expenses associated with the summer school personally unless they obtained their own travel funding to attend. We hope to maintain this level of support where budgetary constraints allow.

Considerations When Preparing Abstract

Important Notes: Do not include citations or references—the ideas and research thinking are most important. We will ask if we need references. Do not add names of specific people or institutions unless essential to the abstract. One page **maximum**, submitted as a PDF.

Research Rationale, Background & Hypotheses

- Brief summary and justification of the research question
- Clearly defined primary and secondary research questions
- Specific hypotheses (if applicable)

Design

- Type of study (e.g., experimental, observational, survey)
- Between-subjects or within-subjects design
- Blinding & Randomization procedure (if applicable)

Participants

- Inclusion and exclusion criteria, Recruitment method
- Sample size and justification (power analysis, if applicable)

Materials and Measures

- Description of key variables (independent, dependent, control)
- Measurement tools (e.g., surveys, behavioral tasks, physiological measures)
- Reliability and validity of instruments

Procedure

- Brief explanation of data collection
- Ethical considerations and informed consent process

Data Analysis Plan

- Planned statistical analyses (e.g., t-tests, ANOVA, regression)
- Handling of missing data
- Criteria for excluding data
- Multiple comparisons correction (if needed)

Replication and Reproducibility

- Plans for making data and code available (e.g., Open Science Framework)
- Consider reproducibility measures

Ethical Considerations

- Institutional Review Board (IRB) or ethics approval (if required)
- Potential risks to participants and mitigation strategies