

Virtual

⌚ June 14-17

European Doctoral Summer School 2021

Maastricht University, University of Münster
& University of York

Program

Preface

2021 – A YEAR OF CHALLENGES? A YEAR OF GROWTH!

A new edition of the annual European doctoral summer school will take place virtually June 14-17, 2021. Focussing on the positive lessons learnt from the pandemic, what we know is that now more than ever there is a need for researchers to communicate, collaborate, to be creative and to have the confidence and self belief to proceed when plans and circumstances change. In this context, the theme for the 2021 European Doctoral Summer School is "Growth: personal, professional and in practice". Working with colleagues from different institutions, culture and values, the sessions will enable you to consider how to maximise your strengths, skills, career prospects and self confidence in the context of change.



European Doctoral Summer School 2021 at a glance



June 14-17, 2021



Virtually



Doctoral candidates & postdocs



Register by May 21, 5pm (CET)



Event program

MONDAY, JUNE 14

11:30 – 12:30 (CET) Virtual coffee club:
The elements of success

14:00 – 15:30 (CET) Effective Project Management
in challenging circumstances

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

11:30 – 13:00 (CET) Building your Online profile

14:00 – 17:00 (CET) Science? Start-up? Small
enterprise? On possibilities and
personalities

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

11:30 – 13:00 (CET) The power of mentoring: who is
on your bench?

13:45 – 17:00 (CET) Interpersonal dynamics – how
to balance relationships in a
hierarchical setting?

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 – 12:30 (CET) Update your CV

13:30 – 15:00 (CET) Networking for early stage
researchers

16:00 – 17:30 (CET) Public engagement: Presenting
at Online conferences



Virtual coffee club

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 11:30 – 12:30 (CET)



45 participants
(15 per university)



doctoral candidates

THE ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Join us if you are keen to talk about self-discovery and things that make one's life good and successful. Share what you've learnt about yourself and talk about changes you've made to enhance your life. Inspire and encourage others to make their life even better through your story. Whose idea do you admire and want to borrow? Which small step will you take to further grow and improve your life?

Open to doctoral candidates from all three participating universities, this open forum provides an opportunity for cross-cultural discussion and to get to know each other.



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Effective Project Management

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 14:00 – 15.30 (CET)



45 participants
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

Effective project management is a critical skill in research. This workshop is designed to give you an insight into the fundamentals of successful research project management. It includes practical tips on how to adapt, adjust and mitigate risk to your research at the difficult times we are currently living in.



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The Power of Mentoring

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 11:30 – 13:00 (CET)



60 participants
(20 per university)



doctoral candidates
postdocs

WHO IS ON YOUR BENCH?

Most large organisations, universities and many Fellowship schemes include mentoring and opportunities to network. This session explores the power of mentoring and relationship building in helping you develop and enhance your career as a researcher. Together we will explore the basic principles of mentoring, the value for both parties (mentors and mentees) and the added bonus of having someone 'on your bench' who will actively and selflessly identify opportunities that will enable you to grow. The session will include input from researchers about their experiences.

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Interpersonal dynamics

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 13:45 – 17:00 (CET)



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HOW TO BALANCE RELATIONSHIPS IN A HIERARCHICAL SETTING?

Communication is strongly influenced by the setting where it takes place. In hierarchical environments one communication partner might feel intimidated by the other person's status and "power". Understanding the interpersonal dynamics and finding appropriate tools for successful communication are two keys to avoiding misunderstanding and conflicts.

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Building your Online Profile

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 11:30 – 13:00 (CET)



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Social media and online networking are fast becoming essential academic tools. In this session we will help you to develop your online presence and learn how to leverage online tools to support your research career and promote your work.

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Science? Start-up? Small enterprise?

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ON POSSIBILITIES AND PERSONALITIES

Searching for jobs quite often focuses on job description and maybe on the offering company/institution. To perceive a job as satisfying in the long run it might be more relevant to take a closer look at the general environment. Are you a person seeking routine and reliability? Or do you prefer to work in a changing and flexible setting? Or is it most satisfying for you to have room for creativity to develop your own ideas? In this workshop we will explore the profiles of different fields and create a link to you and your personality.



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Update Your CV

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 10:00 – 12:30 (CET)



**24 participants
(8 per university)**



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Your CV shows who you are and is in fact your business card. With a good CV you can impress a future employer and increase the chance of being invited for an interview. What is a good CV, nowadays, both in- and outside of academia? And how do you express your experience and qualities in an authentic way? During this online workshop, you will get information about updating your own CV.

In this CV check, you will actively get started with your own CV. Having provided you with information about drawing up a CV beforehand and during the workshop, we will look at your CV together.

Please note: You'll have to share your CV with the other participants. Please don't register if this is an issue.



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Networking for Early Stage Researchers

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 13:30 – 15:00 (CET)



60 participants
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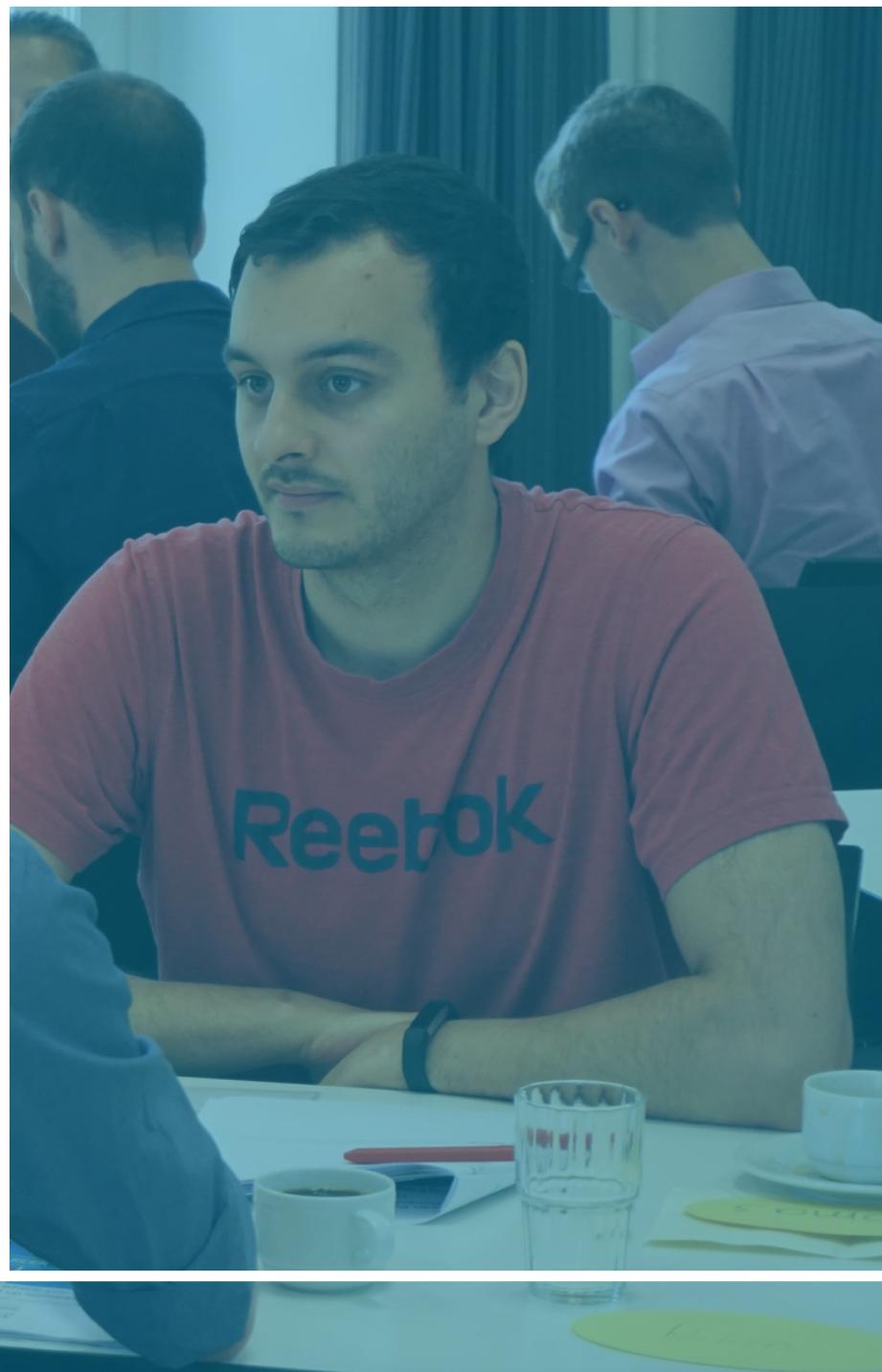
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These days, very few aspects of science are done in isolation. Many projects are conducted in collaboration with researchers in other disciplines, and new ideas are frequently sparked by conversations with other scientists. Moreover, finding a job in academia is often helped by knowing people who have a position to fill, or who can point you to those who do. Meeting people who can give you valuable information about how to enter a new work sector is crucial. Good networking requires a genuine conversation about your interests, those of the other person, and how they may benefit each other. Getting to the point where networking is a pleasure instead of a chore, however, may not be easy. It often takes skill, and practice, to start enjoying and reaping the benefits of networking.



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Public Engagement

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PRESENTING AT ONLINE CONFERENCES

In this session, Daniel Roy Connelly will provide hints and tips about how to give impactful presentations at online conferences. Daniel will explore the (dis)contents surrounding the use of *Zoom* (and other online platforms) and provide advice about public speaking in general using this medium. There will also be an opportunity for some breakout discussions and practice.

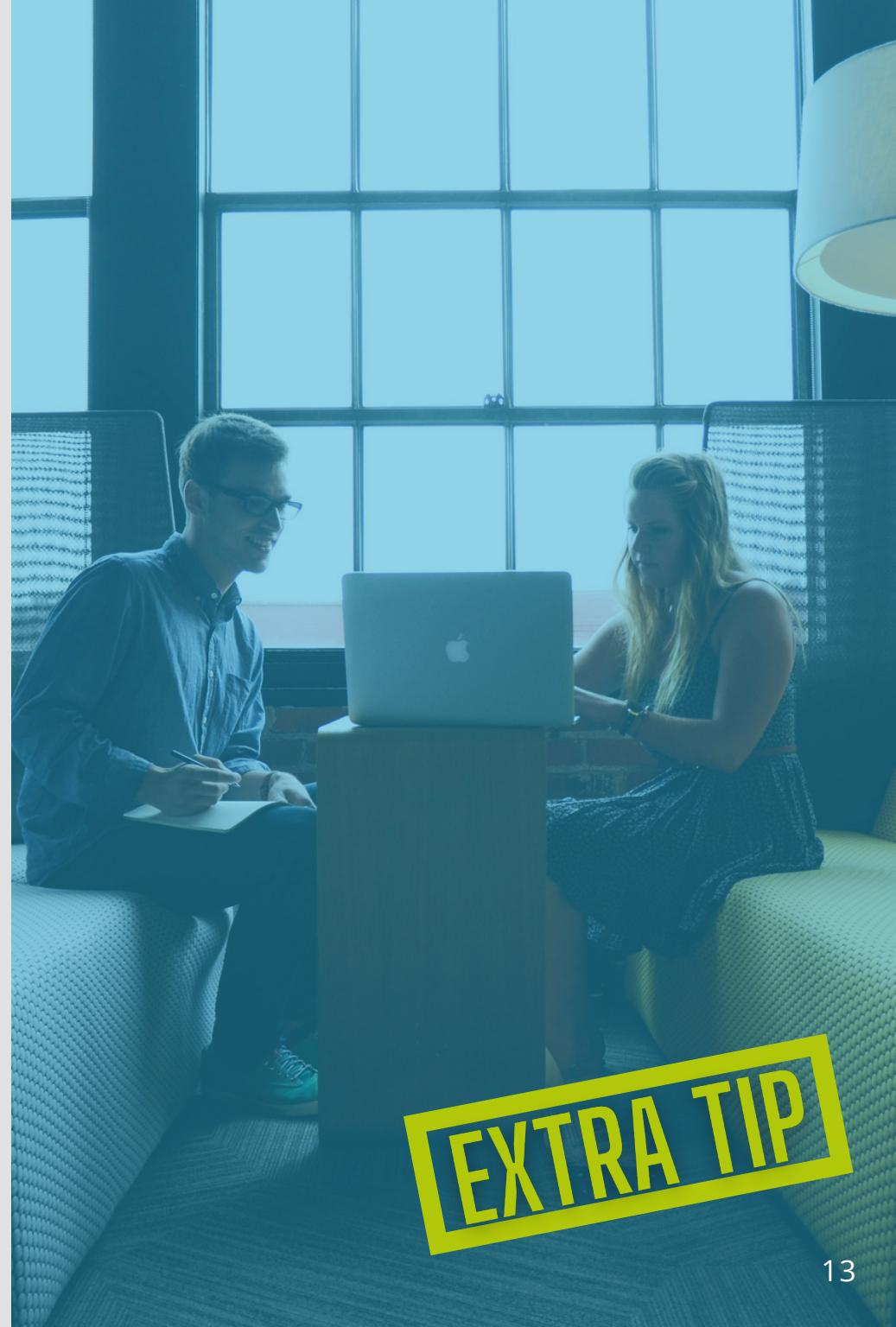
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International Research Conversations

ONGOING

The University of York's Centre for Global Programmes has offered to facilitate a regular fortnightly session which will enable researchers to come together online and discuss themes related to various aspects of research. These sessions will provide an opportunity for the sharing of research ideas, skills and practice as well as promoting cross-cultural conversations between early career researchers from all over the globe. The sessions will take place via zoom and breakout rooms will be used to encourage discussions between participants.

 [MORE INFORMATION](#)





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Please note that **ALL** inquiries concerning your registration should be sent to the University of Münster, **regardless of your host institution**.

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