



**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**  
**Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)**  
**A European Science Foundation Scientific Programme**  
**(2003-2007)**

Applications are invited for places on four workshop/seminars, supported by the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences programme of the European Science Foundation. These integrated workshops and seminars will provide opportunities for junior researchers to undertake high-level training in the latest developments in quantitative methods. They will also enable junior and senior researchers to interact and share ideas and expertise based upon recent research.

These four workshop/seminars will take place between July and September 2006 on the following topics:

- *Networks and Behavior: Statistical Models and Advances in the Theory of Action;*
- *Longitudinal and Incomplete Data;*
- *Theory-Driven Evaluation and Intervention Studies in the Social Sciences;*
- *Measurement, Data Collection and Data Quality Issues for Cross-National Survey Data.*

Each event will consist of a one-week workshop providing high-level training, led by two leading researchers in the field, followed by a two day seminar at which additional senior researchers will present and discuss research at the cutting edge of the field.

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.

Thirty junior scholars will be selected to participate in each workshop/seminar. Selection will be primarily on the basis of merit, subject to consideration of balance with respect to country and discipline.

Accommodation and meal costs at the workshop/seminars will be covered. Only in exceptional cases of hardship, will contributions be made to travel costs.

Junior researchers who participate in one of the workshop/seminars will also have the opportunity to apply for funds to support preparation of a paper and participation in the end of programme conference in 2007.

**Eligibility:** Applicants should either be registered for doctoral work in a relevant field of study and have demonstrated the ability to undertake research of a high quality, or have recently completed doctoral work. Applicants should be from one of the nineteen participating European countries (listed on the web-site below).

**Application Procedure:** Applications should consist of a short CV, a covering letter of no more than 500 words in English together with a recommendation letter by a PhD supervisor or other established scholar. The covering letter should include an explanation of how the applicant's research plans relate to the QMSS programme and, specifically, to any of the workshops. It should also indicate which workshops the applicant would be interested to attend, if a place could be offered, and rank these workshops in order of preference. Applications are welcome from those who participated in workshop/seminars in 2004 and 2005 but it is expected that no applicant will be permitted to participate in more than one workshop in 2006.

Applications should be sent by e-mail by **18 April 2006** to the Programme Coordinator, Mrs. Julia D'Arrigo, at [qmss@socsci.soton.ac.uk](mailto:qmss@socsci.soton.ac.uk). All applicants will be informed about the outcome through e-mail by the end of May 2006.

Further information about the programme is available via the ESF website at <http://www.esf.org/qmss> or the QMSS website at <http://www.s3ri.soton.ac.uk/qmss>.