**MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN HISTORY**

**QUANTITATIVE METHODS SPRING SCHOOL 2017**

The information given on this form will enable the QMSS selection committee to determine the eligibility of candidates and to allocate places on the Spring School, May 8th –14th 2017, in Jena, Germany.

The QMSS is subsidised for all on-site accommodation and economy travel. Places are therefore highly competitive and will be awarded to candidates who are able to demonstrate that their research will be suitably enhanced by the training and opportunities offered. Preference will be given to PhD students, postdoctoral and early-career researchers.

NOTE: The Spring School is aimed at researchers in cultural or linguistic evolution, or who are engaged with scientific questions of human history. We are unable to offer places to those seeking general statistical training, or if your primary research is in psycholinguistics, corpus studies, language documentation/small-scale comparison, cognitive science, or other fields without a clear evolutionary direction.

Details of the Spring School, tutors and their specialties, topics, and activities will be on the website at [www.shh.mpg.de](http://www.shh.mpg.de) in early January. Please check the website regularly as more information becomes available. Informal enquiries may be sent to the Directors via Kerstin Schück-Tittmann (qmss@shh.mpg.de).

**TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

Please fill this form in electronically and save it as *QMSS17-Lastname-Firstname.doc*. You should send it as an email attachment for the attention of Kerstin Schück-Tittmann at qmss@shh.mpg.de) by 12.00 CET January 20th 2017. Please do not send any other documents.
Late applications will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified in early February.

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| APPLICANT DETAILS |  |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Institutional Address | **Give your Department and University** |
| Email |  |
| Nationality  |  |
| Current city and country of residence |  |
| Degrees and postgraduate qualifications | **Please list subject, university, and date of award** |
| Current/previous academic jobs OR Current programme of study & PhD title |  |
| PhD award date OR expected award date |  |

It is not essential that you have a high level of statistical knowledge or pre-existing familiarity with computational packages such as R. Successful students will be expected to acquire a baseline familiarity with their command-line interface and with R, because all of our tutors will use these in their practicals. For those without that experience, we will provide “pre-school” tutorials and webchat facilities to get everyone up to speed. You are expected to make sure you are at a level of basic competence in order to take full advantage of the heavily subsidised training the QMSS will provide. This will ensure that everyone can jump straight into the fun skills!

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| SKILLS AND TRAINING |  |
| Level of quantitative proficiency  | Please describe your current level of familiarity and proficiency with quantitative methods. Tell us something like e.g. “high-school statistics”, “learning regression modelling” – whatever describes you accurately. |
| Level of computational proficiency | Please describe your current level of familiarity and proficiency with computational methods. Tell us something like e.g. “I use Excel and SPSS”, “familiar with Unix command line”, “phylogenetic inference using R packages” – whatever describes you accurately. |
| Previous relevant courses attended |  |
| Have you used R? | If yes, describe the packages you are familiar with. |
| Have you used a command-line interface? | If yes, describe which systems you are familiar with. |

Please outline below your current or proposed research topic. This should be concise and exciting. You should describe how you will benefit from applying the expertise gained from attending QMSS and how using quantitative methods will enhance your research. You should be explicit about the cultural/linguistic-evolutionary aspects of your research.

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| OUTLINE OF YOUR RESEARCH |
| (Please write no more than 350 words) |
| If your project is a success, what is the title of the first paper you will publish from it? |

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| CONFIRMATION |
| I confirm that the above information is correct YES NOIf I am offered a place on the QMSS, my supervisor/line manager has agreed to my attendance YES NO |
| How did you hear about the MPI SHH Quantitative Methods Spring School? |