The EANS Summer School Programme

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: READ CAREFULLY

- A unique opportunity for nurses undertaking doctoral studies to participate in a three year programme of annual summer schools.
- The chance to learn mixed methods research skills to develop, test, evaluate and implement complex interventions in nursing.
- The experience of working alongside nurses from more than 20 European countries.

The EANS Summer Schools are supported by a European Science Foundation Research Network Programme, funded by Research Councils and Academies from eight different European countries – ‘REFLECTION’ www.reflection-network.eu.

Members of the REFLECTION network believe that the evidence base for nursing interventions is poorly developed with no more than 15% of current published research activity likely to carry strong evidence for practice. REFLECTION is leading the drive to re-focus nursing research activity and develop knowledge for nursing that can be readily translated into clinical practice. REFLECTION aims to change the nature of research in nursing so that programmatic, mixed methods and translational research – research which transforms research findings into clinical applications – becomes the norm.

The EANS summer school curriculum is structured around the ‘complex interventions research framework’ model, directed at improving the evidence base for nursing interventions. Therefore, if you:

1. are a nurse;
2. have European nationality;
3. appreciate that nursing is an archetypal ‘complex intervention’;
4. want a career as a researcher improving the evidence base for nursing interventions;
5. believe that integrated, mixed methods and translational research programmes are the way forward for research in nursing;
6. are at an early stage of your doctoral studies;
7. have an excellent command of scientific English;

...then the summer school programme is for you.

**Funding:** There is no registration fee for the Summer School. You must stay in accommodation arranged by the organisers at a special group reduced rate. Participants should expect to meet approximately 50% of these accommodation costs and all travel and subsistence. Applicants should expect to find their own funds for these additional costs.

**NOTE:** Think carefully before you apply. The summer school curriculum is radically different from many other research courses. If you do not share the views above, the course is not for you. From day one, the course focuses on the development and testing of nursing interventions, using mixed methods but always directed at evaluating and implementing evidence which will improve the practice of nursing care. (See Richards and Borglin, *Int J Nurs Stud, 2011*). You must also be able to commit to attend Summer Schools for three consecutive years – 2012, 2013, 2014.

**How to apply.** Complete and return the application form by typing your details in the boxes by 27th February 2012. Applications to the Summer Schools are highly competitive. Applicants who meet the above criteria will be randomly selected from all applications received.

Summer School 2012: 2nd to 13th July, Leuven, Belgium.
To apply for the EANS Summer School you must:
1. be a nurse*;
2. have European** nationality;
3. be interested in improving the evidence base for nursing interventions;
4. be registered on a University doctoral programme (e.g. PhD, DClinRes, DPhil);
5. have an excellent command of scientific English (the language of the summer school is English).

If you meet the five criteria above please fill in the details below. Please type in your details in Block Capitals, print and sign the form.

Hand written applications will not be accepted.

“I would like to apply for the EANS Summer School Programme 2012-1014, starting in 2012 2nd to 13th July, in Leuven, Belgium”

Name:

Mailing Address:
   Street 1:
   Street 2:
   City/Town:
   County/Area:
   Zip/Postcode:
   Country:

Work Email:

Alternative Email:

Telephone number:

European Nationality:

*nurse is used as shorthand to include the broad spectrum of professional qualifications such as nursing, mental health nursing, midwifery, health visiting, community and family nursing.

** Europe as defined by the Council of Europe
The EANS Summer School Programme

Professional Qualifications:

Academic Qualifications:

Place of doctoral study

Current Year of Doctoral Study:

Name of Programme of doctoral study:

Title of your doctoral study:

Clinical area of your doctoral study:

Main research method(s) you are using in your doctoral study:

Name and contact details, including email, of your academic supervisor:

“I confirm that I am a nurse or midwife, a European national and I am studying on the doctoral programme detailed above. I can speak and understand scientific English to doctoral standard. I commit to attend all three years of the summer school programme and I have access to sufficient funds to enable me to do so.”

Signature (hand written only) …………………………………………………………………………………

All applications must be accompanied by a reference from your academic supervisor. This must be sent as a separate confidential letter FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR using the form attached. Applications will NOT be considered without a supervisor's reference. Please ask your academic supervisor to complete and send off the supervisors reference form attached.

Return by Registered Post to: David Richards, Secretary EANS, Psychology, College of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Exeter, Washington Singer Building, Perry Road, Exeter, EX4 4QG, United Kingdom.

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One of your doctoral students has applied to attend the European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS) summer school. They require a reference from you as academic supervisor to support their application.

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In year one, the summer school is two weeks long, in years two and three it is for one week. The 2012 summer school will be from 2nd to 13th July, 2012, in Leuven, Belgium. Subsequent venues will be announced closer to the date.

To complete the summer school programme, participants must attend three consecutive summer schools held across Europe. The Summer School Programme is mostly self-funded, with only approximately 50% of accommodation costs met by the organisers. Therefore, we require confirmation from you, as academic supervisor, that you will support the student applicant. Applicants must:

1. be a nurse;
2. have European nationality;
3. are likely to have a substantive career in research
4. be committed to improving the evidence base for nursing interventions
5. be at an early stage of their doctoral studies;
6. have an excellent command of scientific English (the language of the summer school is English);
7. commit to attend all three years of the summer school programme 2012-2014;
8. have sufficient funds to support the majority of their own travel, accommodation and subsistence needs during the programme.

NOTE: Think carefully before you recommend a student. The Summer School is highly competitive with only 35 new applicants selected at random each year from the many hundreds who apply. The summer school curriculum is radically different from many other research courses. From day one, the course focuses on the development and testing of nursing interventions, based around a framework for the development and testing of ‘complex interventions’. (See Richards and Borglin, Int J Nurs Stud, 2011). The course teaches mixed methods but is always directed at educating participants to evaluate and implement evidence-based nursing care to improve the practice of nursing care.

Please fill in the attached form and send as a separate letter to the address at the bottom of the form.

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If you believe that your student meets the criteria for the EANS summer school please fill in the details below. Please type in your details in **Block Capitals** and sign the form.

Hand written references will **not** be accepted.

**Name of student:**
**Place of the student’s doctoral study:**
**Title of student’s doctoral study:**

**Your name:**
**Your mailing Address:**
**Your email:**
**Your telephone number:**

Professional Qualifications of the student:
Academic Qualifications of the student:

“I confirm that I will support the student applicant:

- **to commit to attend all three years** of the summer school programme;
- **to ensure that they have sufficient funds to support the majority of their own travel, accommodation and subsistence needs during the 3 year programme.**

“I confirm that the applicant:

- **is aiming to develop a substantive career in research;**
- **is registered as a doctoral student** in nursing or other health related discipline;
- **is able to understand and speak English** to a doctoral scientific standard (the language of the summer school is English)

Please add any additional comments here:

Signature of academic supervisor (hand written only) .................................................

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