

## **ESERA Summerschool, Udine, Italy July 25 -31, 2010**

### **Notes on Applying: Students**

Dear PhD student

The organising committee is now inviting applications for the forthcoming Summerschool from PhD students working in the field of science education. Applications are welcome from any PhD student who is a member of ESERA.

Student applicants should complete the Student Application Form, which can be downloaded from the ESERA website. This should be accompanied by a Synopsis of **no more than 5 pages**, including references. The completed Student Application Form and Synopsis should be emailed as two separate Word files to **esera10@fisica.uniud.it**. Please include your surname/family name in the title of these files (e.g. name-application.doc, name-synopsis.doc).

The deadline for receipt of applications is **31 January 2010**.

#### **Guidelines for the Synopsis**

Your Synopsis is important. It will provide the main basis upon which your application will be assessed (see 'selection criteria' below).

A typical Synopsis should include the following elements:

- an outline of the focus of your study (e.g. the topic it deals with, the problem or issue being addressed, clarification (if necessary) of the meaning of any key terms used in the study, the educational context of the study);
- a short review of relevant literature;
- a clear statement of the research questions the study will try to answer;
- outline of the research design and methods;
- preliminary findings (if available).

Please use sub-headings based on the bullet points above to indicate the main sections of your Synopsis.

#### **Format of Synopsis**

Please follow the following formatting guidelines when preparing your Synopsis.

Top, bottom, left and right margins set at 3cm. Typeface Times New Roman, 12 point, 1.5 line spacing throughout.

Begin the Synopsis with the Title (in bold). After a single line space give your name, institution and the name of your supervisor. The main text of your Synopsis should then follow, with sections headings (in bold) as appropriate.

The Synopsis should be **no more than 5 pages**, including references.

### **Selection criteria**

The maximum number of students attending the Udine Summerschool will be 49. Past experiences suggest that it is likely that more than this number of students will apply. Should this be the case, the following criteria will be used to select successful applications.

- Whether the PhD study is at an appropriate stage. In order to create optimal opportunities for discussion, and to enable the Summerschool to contribute to the students' work, students should not be too near the beginning or end of their PhD work.
- Clarity of research questions.
- The coherence and clarity of the Synopsis as a piece of academic writing.
- Attention to conventions of academic writing within the Synopsis (e.g. appropriate referencing).

Consideration will also be given to ensuring that a diversity of countries is represented at the Summerschool.

The quality of each student application will be assessed by two reviewers working independently. These reviewers will be experienced science education researchers from within the ESERA community.

### **Publication of Synopses**

The synopses of those students attending the Summerschool will be available as a printed publication at the Summerschool (and will be available on the internet before the Summerschool). When students are informed that their application has been accepted, they will be given an opportunity to amend their Synopsis ahead of publication, should they wish to.

### **Timetable**

Deadline for submission of student applications	31 January 2010
Confirmation of acceptance to students	25 April 2010
Deadline for registration for the Summerschool	6 June 2010
Deadline for submission of revised Synopses	20 June 2010
Summerschool	25 - 31 July 2010

### **Estimated Fees**

Residential (students): € 600,00

Residential (staff): € 600,00

This includes overnight accommodation in single ensuite rooms adjoining the Summerschool venue, breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee/tea snacks during the Summerschool, and all Summerschool documentation.

Non-residential (staff or student): € 350,00

For students or staff living close to the Summerschool venue. This includes everything listed above except overnight accommodation and breakfast.

### **Scientific Committee**

*Costas Constantinou, Justin Dillon, Marisa Michelini, Manuela Welzel-Breuer*

### **Organising Committee**

*Marisa Michelini – University of Udine, Italy*

*Lorenzo Santi – University of Udine, Italy*

*Rosa Maria Sperandeo – University of Palermo, Italy*