



“Doing the right things right” - Research Integrity in a Complex Society

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Theme and objectives

The summer school focuses on research integrity in today's competitive and complex society. Increasing concerns have been expressed over the ethical implications of competitive research environments and efficacy demands, on the one hand, and the fast developing innovations in many fields, on the other hand. While often tricky and ambiguous in nature ethical issues in research provide simultaneously a field of interesting, stimulating and challenging questions for researchers. The summer school is focused on mapping the terrain of ethical issues in research in order to prepare participants with a holistic understanding of the complexities of ethical decision-making in an international context and with an appreciation for researching with integrity. Topics include: Ethical underpinnings of research, Ethical guidelines for research in a European perspective, Field-specific ethical issues, Researcher in society, and Ethical academia.

The objectives of the LERU summer school are to

- make the state-of-the-art in research integrity available to the doctoral students through interaction with leading experts,
- raise awareness of and interest in ethical questions in research and innovation by creating a stimulating cross-disciplinary environment,
- promote the students' appreciation for ethically sustainable solutions in research and innovation,
- help students develop tools for recognising, analysing and solving ethical issues in research, and
- promote the development of such qualities and competencies that prepare the students to function as future ethical leaders in their research communities.

Learning activities are based on a student-centred approach in which participants are encouraged to engage in problem solving and discussion. To enhance the relevance of the learning experience, participants are asked to submit a short essay on key ethical issues in their research project prior to the summer school. This assignment will orientate the participants towards the theme of the summer school, facilitate discussions and help to reflect on the course contents. An “Ethics Clinic” provides individual participants the opportunity to discuss ethical issues in their research with an ethics expert.

Speakers are experts in their field with profound insight of ethical issues in research, academia and society. We are pleased to announce that the following speakers have accepted our invitation:

- Dr. Nicole Föger, European Network of Research Integrity Offices
- Professor Arto Mustajoki, University of Helsinki
- Professor Pauliina Raento, University of Helsinki
- Professor Ilkka Niiniluoto, University of Helsinki

Participant requirements

The summer school is intended for PhD students in all fields of academia. Doctoral students who are further along in their studies benefit from the learning environment that challenges their thinking into new directions through cross-disciplinary perspectives. There are two places available per institution. In order to achieve a balanced representation with regard to disciplines, gender and university affiliation, additional places may be assigned by the organizers after consideration of all applications. Non-LERU, non-European students to be invited. Cost: 500 euro, including accommodation.

Organisation

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