**Summer Institutes for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research**

**Summer 2021**

The National Science Foundation, in a grant to the Human Relations Area Files (BCS #[2020156](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2020156&HistoricalAwards=false)), will support three years of Summer Institutes for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research. These Summer Institutes will train faculty, researchers, and advanced graduate students in the theory and state-of-the art methods for conducting regional and worldwide comparative research so that these methods can be incorporated into courses and cross-cultural research using anthropological data. The [first three-week Summer Institute](https://hraf.yale.edu/summer-institutes-for-cross-cultural-anthropological-research) will be held late July through early August, 2021 in New Haven, Connecticut, USA.[[1]](#footnote-1) We anticipate supporting 12 applicants each summer for this intensive course. Participants will be reimbursed for their economy travel (subject to a maximum) to and from the Institute and will receive free room and board (probably on the Yale University campus) during the term of the Institute. [Learn more](https://hraf.yale.edu/summer-institutes-for-cross-cultural-anthropological-research) about the curriculum and the instructors.

Selection criteria are given at the end of this application; these criteria focus on the relevance of the training to your immediate teaching and research goals.

**TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

Please fill this form in electronically and save it as *Summer-Institute-2021-Lastname-Firstname.doc*. You should send it as an email attachment to [hraf@yale.edu](mailto:hraf@yale.edu) with a copy to [carol.ember@yale.edu](mailto:carol.ember@yale.edu) by **17:00 EST** **February 15, 2021**. Please do not send any other documents. Late applications will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified by April 1, 2021.

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| APPLICANT DETAILS |  |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Institutional Address | **Give your Department and University** |
| Email |  |
| Current city and country of residence | **For our budgeting purposes** |
| Degrees and postgraduate qualifications | **Please list subject, college or university, and date of award** |
| Current academic position OR Current program of study & PhD title |  |
| PhD award date  OR expected PhD 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 many of our tutors will use these in their practicals. For those without that experience, we will provide “pre-school” tutorials and feedback 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 Summer Institute 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”, “social network inference using R packages” – whatever describes you accurately. |
| Engagement with cross-cultural data | Please describe your current familiarity and engagement with cross-cultural data and analysis in teaching and in research. Tell us something like e.g. “I have used the SCCS in my research” “I teach undergraduate students to use eHRAF for projects” “Currently coding ethnographic sources” – whatever describes you accurately. |
| Previous relevant courses attended |  |
| Have you used R before? | If yes, describe the packages you are most familiar with. |
| Have you used a command-line interface? | If yes, describe which systems you are familiar with. |

In the next sections, please describe how you will benefit from applying the expertise gained from attending the Summer Institute to your teaching and research.

Part of the goal of the Summer Institute course is that attendees will use their new skills and knowledge to train others. Please outline how the course will enable and enhance your current or future teaching. Be specific: give names of modules you teach (or intend to teach) or graduate programs you are involved in.

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| OUTLINE OF YOUR TEACHING |
| (Please write no more than 300 words) |

Please outline below a current or proposed cross-cultural research topic that you will work on during the three weeks. This should be concise and specific. We will expect attendees to, as part of their project, code some ethnographic data from sources. Describe how the new methods you will learn at the Summer Institute will enhance your research project.

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| OUTLINE OF YOUR RESEARCH |
| In one sentence, describe your main research question. |
| Outline of project  (Please write no more than 300 words) |

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| CONFIRMATION |
| By submitting this application, you confirm that the above information is correct. |
| **Use this space for any other relevant information** |

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection will primarily be made on the basis of the relevance of the training to your immediate research and teaching goals. We will prioritize applicants who:

* Will be teaching or researching in anthropology, or another social science using cross-cultural data and methods.
* Demonstrate they can clearly communicate their academic priorities.
* Indicate a need for new skills, or re-skilling, in order to deliver effective cross-cultural methods education to undergraduates or and or postgraduates (or both). Note that individuals who already have extensive cross-cultural skills or who are at an institution that already has the necessary training will be given lower priority.
* Describe a defined and feasible research project, that takes advantage of at least two of the methodologies described in the curriculum.
* Note that preference will be given to individuals at colleges and universities in the United States, although we will consider some qualified applicants from outside the US.

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| DIVERSITY MONITORING |  |
| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Gender |  |
| Ethnic background |  |
| Disability/accessibility needs |  |
| Any other information you would like us to use for diversity monitoring |  |

Please enter whatever information you deem relevant. This information will not be used to assess your application. It will only be used to ensure a diverse range of participants at the Summer Institute.

1. We anticipate that we will be able to have an in-person institute, but we have back-up plans in place for a virtual institute if COVID-19 conditions render that necessary. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)