

Call for Applications

2nd International Summer School in Uganda: Survey Methodology and Data Management

1-12 February 2021, Masaka, Uganda

We are excited to invite applications for the [2nd International Summer School in Uganda: Survey Methodology and Data Management \(ISSU\)](#) to be held from February 1 to February 12, 2021. The Summer School is funded by the VW Foundation and jointly organized by GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany, and Muteesa I Royal University, Uganda. It will bring together 50 participants from Germany, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

The Summer School seeks to provide participants with an intense training in social science research methods as well as to foster international research collaboration and intercultural exchange. Over the course of two weeks, the International Summer School in Uganda offers four one-week courses on social science research methods. Courses will be taught by internationally renowned scholars. Course lectures are complemented by hands-on exercises, giving participants the opportunity to apply their newly acquired knowledge in practice. Participants can choose from one of two courses per week.

Week 1 (1-5 February 2021)

- [Introduction to Survey Design](#)
- [Research Data Management](#)

Week 2 (8-12 February 2021)

- [Introduction to Data Analysis Using R](#)
- [Cross-Cultural Survey Research](#)

Individual researchers and PhD students from Kenya may apply for scholarships to participate in the International Summer School in Uganda. Scholarships cover travel costs of up to KES 40,000 (public transport or economy class flights to and from Entebbe, transfers to/from the airport), accommodation (organized by the ISSU team), course fees, and local transfer to/from the summer school venue. Scholarships do not cover any additional costs (e.g., vaccinations). Participants are solely responsible for obtaining the necessary documents required for entering Uganda.

Please note the following formal criteria of eligibility:

- Participants must hold at least a master's degree (or equivalent).
- Participants must have a good basic knowledge of social science research methods and statistics.
- Participants must be proficient in English.
- Full professors are not eligible to participate.

Kenyan citizenship is not a requirement for participation and we highly encourage international researchers and PhD students living or working in Kenya to apply for the ISSU scholarship. Please note, however, that all applicants are solely responsible for obtaining the

necessary documentation to enter Uganda and that the scholarship cannot cover the costs of your visa should you require one.

Scholarships are only available for taking part in two consecutive one-week courses, i.e. participants cannot apply for a single one-week course only. Participants are required to bring their own laptops for use in the courses.

Scholarships will work on the basis of reimbursement of costs, i.e. travel costs will be reimbursed upon successful participation in both weeks of the Summer School (i.e., attendance of at least 80% in each course) and upon presentation of the original receipts (plane tickets and boarding passes, visa invoice). No money will be transferred before the Summer School or in case the participant misses more than 20% of any course.

Applications will be evaluated by an international selection committee based on academic criteria. To apply, please use our [online application form](#) and submit the following documents (compiled as one single PDF file):

- **Cover letter** explaining
 - the relevance of participating in the ISSU for your research work
 - your previous experiences with empirical social science research
 - which courses you would like to attend and why.
- **Up-to-date CV** including a description of your current occupation and a list of publications (if applicable)
- **A copy of degree certificate** of highest current academic degree held including transcript of records
- **A tabular list of courses on empirical social science methods** you have previously completed, containing the following:
 - Title of the course
 - Name of the lecturer
 - Institution that offered the course
 - Brief description of the course contents (max. 50 words per course)

All of the above mentioned documents must be submitted via our [online application form](#) as **one PDF file by midnight, 15 June 2020 (GMT+2)**. Applicants will be informed whether their application has been successful by the end of July 2020 at the latest.

If you are experiencing difficulties creating a single PDF file for upload, you can download the free [PDF-XChange Editor](#) and follow these [instructions on merging pdf files](#).

For any questions, please contact issu@gesis.org.

[Click here](#) to submit your complete application for a scholarship.