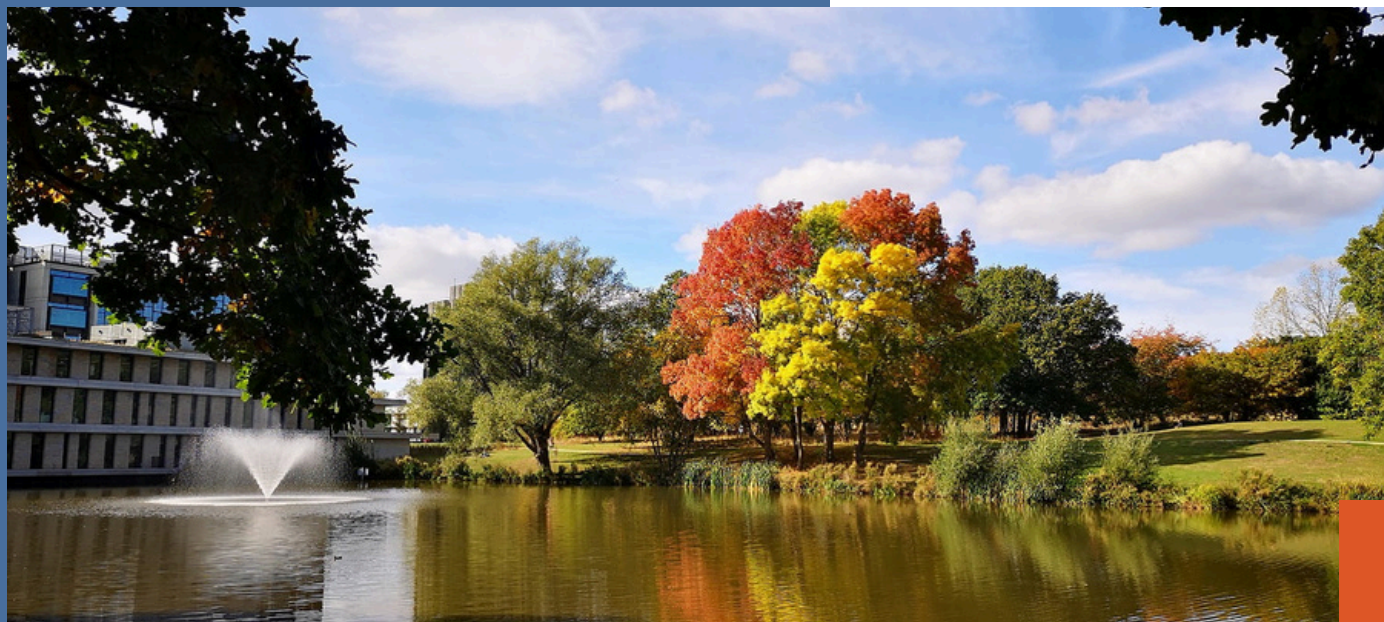


# ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## The 59th Essex Summer School: It's Almost Time!

Summer is almost here, and so is the 59th Essex Summer School.

The ESS family is growing so our newsletters took a little break, but we are back with plenty of news to share this month. From scholarship recipients to new global partnerships, and a packed social programme, this is shaping up to be a summer worth being part of.

Enrolment is well underway and places are going fast. If you've been thinking about joining us this summer, now is the time.

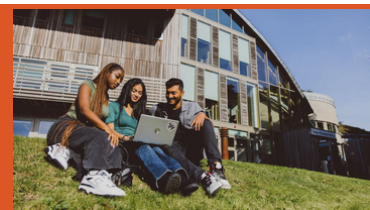
### Study Your Way This Summer

#### In Person



Spend your summer on our beautiful award-winning campus based in Wivenhoe Park, with on-campus accommodation, a vibrant international community, and nature trails and cafés just a short walk away.

#### Online



Study from wherever you are with live Zoom sessions that keep you connected to tutors and fellow students from around the world – no commute required.

[Register Now](#)



# Courses for Every Stage of Your Journey

Whether you're an early-career researcher building your quantitative foundations, a doctoral student tackling advanced methods, or a practitioner looking to apply data skills to real-world problems – there's a course designed for you.

Have a look at some of the **Highlights from session one.**

## Build Your Foundations

### 1A Applied Research Design:

From Idea to Proposal Your practical toolkit for turning research ideas into reality, whether you're crafting a PhD proposal, revising your dissertation, or preparing a manuscript for publication.

### 1B Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R

A near-complete foundation in introductory quantitative analysis using R, covering everything from descriptive statistics and data visualisation to linear regression. No prior R experience needed.

### 1H Designing and Analysing Surveys

Learn how to design effective surveys, develop well-crafted research questions, and analyse the data they generate, from questionnaire design through to interpretation.

### 1Q Preparing for Fieldwork in the Social Sciences: Methods, Logistics, Ethics

A practical guide to designing and running your own field research. We will cover research ethics, interviews, surveys, focus groups, logistics, and working with local partners across a range of contexts.

## Go Further

### 1F Longitudinal and Panel Data Analysis

A comprehensive introduction to time series and panel data methods, covering autoregressive processes, structural breaks, and the core assumptions underlying longitudinal analysis.

### 1I Applied Causal Inference with Observational Data

Move beyond correlation and learn how to identify causal relationships using real-world observational data.

### 1J Measurement: From Simple Classification to Model Estimation

Explore how we measure social phenomena – from basic classification and scaling through to complex model-based estimation.

### 1P Mixed Methods Research

Explore when and how to combine qualitative and quantitative approaches, covering the philosophical foundations of mixed methods, when to use them, and how to design a mixed methods study.

[See our full list of courses](#)



## Sun, Sports and a Bit of Karaoke

Some of the best connections you'll make at ESS happen outside the classroom. They happen over pizza at the SU Bar, halfway up a climbing wall, or at a pub in Wivenhoe village.

Sessions 1 and 2 come with a full social programme, there's plenty of time to meet people, explore Colchester and actually enjoy the summer.

See the full programme below:



### Welcome Night

Kick off the summer with food, drinks and your fellow participants

Sun 5 Jul | Sun 19 Jul



### Climbing Wall

Scale the wall with a climbing instructor — no experience needed

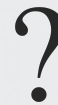
Tue 14 Jul | Tue 28 Jul



### Meet and Greet

Get to know instructors and classmates over pizza at the SU Bar

Mon 6 Jul | Mon 20 Jul



### SU Bar Quiz

Test your general knowledge over food and a drink at the SU Bar

Mon 13 Jul | Mon 27 Jul



### Sports Night

Badminton, basketball and netball — come ready to compete

Tue 7 Jul | Thu 9 Jul | Tue 21 Jul | Thu 23 Jul



### Wivenhoe Pub Run

Follow the trail from campus into the village for a proper pub crawl

Fri 10 Jul | Fri 24 Jul



### Harold Clarke Speaker Series

An evening lecture from a leading researcher — followed by drinks

Wed 8 Jul | Wed 15 Jul | Wed 22 Jul | Wed 29 Jul

## New Partnerships

We're pleased to share that ESS has new partnership agreements with Simon Fraser University in Canada and the National Chengchi University in Taiwan.



These partnerships open new routes into the Essex Summer School for students and researchers at both institutions, deepening our global community and reinforcing ESS as one of the world's leading venues for methods training.

We look forward to welcoming new participants from both institutions this summer and beyond.

## Congratulations to Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients!

We're delighted to congratulate the recipients of this year's ESS scholarships, outstanding researchers from around the world who will be joining us this summer.

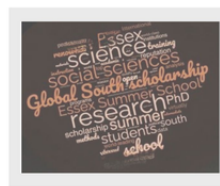
These scholarships exist to make exceptional methods training more accessible, regardless of geography, career stage or institutional resources. We look forward to welcoming all recipients. Applications for ESS 2027 scholarships will open in early 2027.



### Vera E. Troeger Scholarship for Women in Political Methodology

**Irine Kurtanidze** – Queen Mary University of London

**Zoe Schuck** – University of California, Davis



### Scholarship for PhD students in the Global South

**Noam López Villanes** – Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)

**Ana Luiza Martins de Medeiros** – Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG)