



BREAKING THE BIAS: INSPIRE DIVERSITY IN R&I  
SUMMER SCHOOL

# CALL for PROPOSALS

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## **Breaking the Bias: Inspire Diversity in R&I**

### **Summer School**

Committee Lead: Dr. Anita Thaler & Dr. Clemens Striebing  
(WG 3)

#### **Summer School Learning Targets**

You are interested in gender data gap, Gendered Innovations and social biases in research and innovation processes? This summer school aims at providing knowledge and skills to integrate gender meaningfully into research tackling grand societal challenges. Trainees will learn about the importance of including gender and an intersectional approach into STEM research and receive tools on how to do it. The “Breaking the Bias Summer School” will host leading international scholars on Gendered Innovations research.

The summer school will be held on the 05-07 of July 2023 in the beautiful city of Athens, in Greece. This year it will be hosted by the ATHENA Research Centre, a Greek public research and innovation centre which conducts research in Information, Communication, and Knowledge Science and Technology. The local organizing team, coordinated by Katerina Pastra and Vivian Stamou, will welcome you at the Ionic Conference Centre, in Athens, an amazing venue located at Plaka, the historical city centre.



At the beginning of the program, "Streams" will be formed for three scientific areas of research. These Streams offer participants the opportunity to engage in a lively exchange of ideas in parallel workshops. For each group, a group of trainers who are experts in their areas will discuss how sex and gender are relevant to their sub-fields and introduce case studies. The trainers will accompany the project groups throughout the days.

#### Stream 1 – **Health and Biotechnology**

Jelena Grahovac, Margarita Zachariou

#### Stream 2 – **Digital Technologies**

Katerina Pastra, Vivian Stamou, Gul Kurtoglu Eskisar

#### Stream 3 – **Climate, Biodiversity & Mobility**

Ghadir Pourhashem, Clemens Striebing, Anita Thaler

The program is divided by days into three thematic blocks:

July 5th: **Bias in Research – Causes and Impacts**

July 6th: **Integrating Gender & Sex Analysis in Your Research**

July 7th: **New Goals for the Integration of Gender Aspects**

### **Information, Requirements, and Scholarship**

The summer school gathers PhD students and Postdocs who aspire to enrich their research in a STEM field with a gender perspective. The aim of the Breaking the Bias Summer School is to bring interested scholars, activists, and other professionals together who have a desire to exchange ideas on issues of diversity in the research and innovation sector. Solution-oriented ideas on problems of social justice and intersectionality in European countries will be in their well-deserved spotlight.

Encouraged to participate are **especially early career professionals**, maximum 5 years after their dissertation (excluding parental leave and care responsibility times).

## Requirements

All participants must be affiliated with an institution, an academic association, or a community organization in a European country. The proposal (PDF file) must consist of the following information (300 words maximum):

### 1. Academic / Organizational Affiliation

Include: Name & address of Institution, Role and Title, Department, and Supervisor/Line Manager

### 2. Abstract

Please also let us know, what are you currently working on: describe one of your active or upcoming research projects and how it aligns with one of the three summer school streams. Show in which ways your research project focusses on humans/animals and their gender.

### 3. Motivation of Participation

Write about how the Breaking the Bias Summer School will be able to support and enhance your knowledge in your field of study. How does the mission of the summer school align with your professional and personal goals?

We are interested in a diverse group of participants and want to include people from various backgrounds, ethnicities, (dis)abilities, genders and sexualities. Is there additional personal information you want to share with us, which you find important for us to know?

## Scholarship

A scholarship to cover expenses will be awarded to all accepted proposals. Expenses include transportation, accommodation, meals, and experiences (field trips). Attention: the costs are reimbursed only after the summer school, so they must be laid out first!

**Proposal deadline is 2 April 2023.** Notification of acceptance or denial will be sent on or before 7 April 2023. Confirmation of participation is due on or before 16 April 2023.

For questions and to submit your application, please use the following e-mail address:

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