

SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

Research Lab

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Objective and organization

Goal

Develop a research proposal over the next three days.

- Work in small groups based on common interests.
- Prepare a **10 minute presentation** plus **5 minute Q&A** on Friday.
- The organization of the presentation is free.

Practical schedule

Mon. Brainstorming

Tue. Preparation session

Wed. Preparation session

Fri. Proposal presentations

What to include in your research proposal

1. Identify a question.
2. Motivate the contribution to existing research.
3. State hypotheses or theory.
4. Describe the context of the study.
5. Identify possible data sources.
6. Explain the empirical methodology.
7. Assess feasibility risks and limits to interpretation.

Guiding idea

A strong proposal asks a clear question, outlines a credible design, and explains what we would learn from it.

First session: Monday

- Discuss your experience from existing research or professional work.
- Discuss your interests.
- Brainstorm viable projects based on your experience and/or interests.
- Identify **one** possible project, or at most **two**.
- Be ready to choose at the start of Tuesday's session.

Questions

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