Pre-registered Experimental Award for Early Career Researchers.

We encourage Early Career Researchers to develop, pre-register, and run an experimental study. **The monetary value of the award is 1,250 GBP**. The recipient of the award will have the **possibility to run the experiment at the [ESSEXLab](#) free of charge** (i.e., the money from the award will be used exclusively to pay participants). The ESSEXLab is located in the Social Science Research Centre on the Colchester Campus of the University of Essex. It can accommodate up to 32 participants (14 for biometric experiments). For study designs that might make use of it, the lab can also be partitioned into two rooms of 18 and 14 workstations. ESSEXLab workstations can accommodate a variety of software, but are preloaded with the mostly commonly used, including zTree (multiple versions), web-browsers (for oTree, Qualtrics, etc.), EPrime 2.0 & 3.0, and iMotions (biometric workstations only). ESSEXLab can also support online studies that that make use of participants from its subject pool, as well as field studies employing the "mobile lab", which consists of 32 iPad tablets pre-loaded with several commonly used programmes for field-data collection.

Further, the recipient of the award will have the chance to **attend one of the quantitative courses organised by the [Essex Summer School (ESS)](#) free of charge**. The Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis provides world-leading social science methods training to researchers by offering instruction from an internationally renowned faculty drawn from the world's top research institutions. Courses are delivered either online, in person or in hybrid mode – see [here](#) for a full list of the courses offered in 2023. The ESS has three different sessions, running from July 3rd to August 11th.

Eligibility & Policies

The PI must be a **PhD candidate/student** or a **post-doctoral researcher** with less than 4 years of experience after his/her PhD. PIs who have a permanent position will not be considered for the award. Co-PIs can have a permanent position. We will evaluate proposals on the basis of their methodological quality and feasibility.

The fund must be spent by July 31st, 2023. The experiment must be pre-registered on the Open Science Framework ([OSF](#)) *before* the start of data collection and a valid doi for the pre-registration should be provided pending the withdrawal of the award.

The extended abstract should detail the experimental design following OSF guidelines (e.g., see [here](#) and [here](#)).