

Webster PPsychology Youth Conference - WE PSYC

The Psychology Department at Webster Vienna Private University organizes a youth conference for gymnasium students who are engaged in a research project within the remit of their "Vorwissenschaftliche Arbeit". Interested students are invited to submit a short summary of their research for evaluation by the program committee. Selected projects will then have the opportunity to present their research at the conference in the form of a poster. The best posters will receive a prize from the organizers.

The conference will take place on *Friday 8th of June 2018* on the Webster Vienna campus.

How do I come up with a research question?

We accept any project investigating a research question that is relevant to psychology, broadly defined as the science of mental states and behavior. Personal experience, observations, social concerns, or the psychological literature are frequent sources of ideas for research questions. The closer the theme is to personal interests, the more motivating it is to pursue a research question!

What kind of methodology should I use?

Data collection involves any form of qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods. Qualitative methods of data collection include, among other things, interviews, introspective reports, or clinical judgments; whereas quantitative method can include physical, observational, or self-report measures. A mixed method is any combination of qualitative and quantitative techniques. Although having empirical data is always a plus, projects that do not involve data collection (e.g. theoretical investigations) are also welcome.

It is important that the project has a clear structure and that the arguments are presented clearly, i.e. that the research question, methodology, results, and discussion/conclusion.

Who is eligible?

Students in their 7th year of gymnasium are targeted, as they start preparing their *Vorwissenschaftliche Arbeit*. Students who already completed their work in a previous year and are willing to present it are also welcome to submit to the youth conference. The submission deadline is the 31st of March 2018.

Questions about the Youth Conference can be addressed to

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