



Establishing an International Society for Coaching Psychology (ISCP) Research Hub

ISCP RESEARCH HUB GUIDELINES

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This guide provides information on an ISCP Research Hub objectives, how to submit a proposal and the responsibilities of the coordinator.

About the International Society for Coaching Psychology

We are an international professional membership body established to further the discipline and profession of coaching psychology. With the growing interest in coaching psychology around the world, The International Society for Coaching Psychology hopes to encourage the development of the theory, research and practice in coaching psychology and support coaching psychologists in their work. The international aspect of the Society is reflected in our Honorary Vice Presidents who are based in Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, USA, Greece, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

The International Society for Coaching Psychology has reciprocal agreements with other professional bodies. Currently it has Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with Society for Industrial & Organisational Psychology South Africa (SIOPSA), SIOPSA Interest Group in Coaching and Consulting Psychology (IGCCG), the Society for Coaching Psychology Italy (SCPI), the Israel Association for Coaching Psychology (IACP), Col·legi Oficial de Psicòlegs de Catalunya (COPC), Hungarian Association for Coaching Psychology (HACP), Hungarian Psychological Association (HPA), Sveriges Coachande Psykologer (Sweden), the NZ CPSIG (New Zealand), the Society of Consulting Psychology (Division 13, APA),

and the Society for Evidence Based Coaching of the Danish Psychological Society (SEBC DPS). These agreements bring benefits to members of all the organisations involved.

What Is Coaching Psychology?

The practice of coaching psychology may be described as a process for enhancing well-being and performance in personal life and work domains underpinned by models of coaching grounded in established adult and child learning or psychological theories and approaches. It is practised by qualified coaching psychologists who have a graduate degree in psychology, relevant post-graduate qualifications, and have undertaken suitable continuing professional development and supervised practice.

Introduction to ISCP Research Hubs

The ISCP has key objectives to promote and develop the science, profession and discipline of coaching psychology. Although it publishes Coaching Psychology International and holds academic events to bring the coaching psychology community together to share research, there is a need to have a greater focus on research through meetings around the world. Already our ISCP Coaching and Coaching Psychology Research Forum on LinkedIn has over 11,000 members which highlights the level of interest in research.

The *ISCP International Centre for Coaching Psychology Research* is launching an initiative to enable our members to establish regional research hubs. This document explains the process of setting up an ISCP Research Hub.

ISCP Research Hub Objectives

1. To promote discussion and debate of research relating to coaching psychology and allied fields.
2. To promote and develop the science, profession and discipline of coaching psychology.
3. To aid the advancement of the theory, practice, and science of coaching psychology.
4. To bring together those persons interested in and/or engaged in coaching psychology research for the interchange of views, experiences and for mutual consultation.

All ISCP Research Hubs should include the main objectives, 1 to 4. With ISCP International Society for Coaching Psychology Research approval, additional objectives can be incorporated.

General points

ISCP Members are encouraged to submit proposals to the International Centre for a research hub based in their region. Alternatively, the International Centre may contact members and Vice Presidents based in countries where it is deemed desirable to establish an ISCP Coaching Psychology Research Hub.

In the written proposal, the proposer(s) should state the following:

- a) State the city and country where the ISCP Research Hub is to be established.

- b) State the name of proposed research hub ie ISCP (city) Research Hub (eg *ISCP Research Hub*).
- c) Reasons for establishing an ISCP Research Hub in their region.
- d) Provide details about the proposer(s) ie level of ISCP membership, length of time of ISCP membership (12 months minimum), professional and academic qualifications, experience of coordinating or organising events including virtual meetings/events.
- e) State potential level of interest from other ISCP members in their region.
- f) State the objectives 1 to 4 in the application (see previous section) and include additional ISCP Research Hub objectives if required.

Proposals should be sent by email to: president@isfcp.net

General points

- An ISCP approved coordinator(s) will be appointed by the ISCP International Centre for Coaching Psychology Research for each research hub.
- An approved coordinator will be an ISCP member in good standing and will be at the full member level or above. An Associate Member in good standing can be a co-coordinator with one or more full Members.
- ISCP Research Hub meetings can be held virtually or at suitable venues.
- To assist with administration, an ISCP Research Hub may appoint an ISCP member as an Honorary Secretary, subject to ISCP approval.
- The International Centre should be notified of all proposed meetings in advance.
- Meetings should be self-funding. As virtual meetings with researchers are recommended, there should be little or no costs involved. As a guide, Hub research meetings would normally last no more than two hours.

- ISCP Research Hub members are encouraged to discuss coaching psychology research and research methodology. (This can include areas allied to coaching psychology such as positive psychology.)
- The ISCP Research Hub format does not include coachee, client or practice based issues that would be better addressed in supervision.
- The ISCP will provide a list of ISCP members and researchers who are prepared to discuss their research work for virtual ISCP Research Hub meetings.

The ISCP Research Hub Coordinator role

The coordinator(s) has a pivotal role in the day-to-day running of an ISCP Research Hub. Coordinators will be responsible for organising meetings, liaising with the International Centre, notifying the International Centre of proposed events, completing risk assessment forms for meetings held in venues, maintaining records, submitting short activity reports to the ISCP Board and for publication in *Coaching Psychology International* and on the International Society and ISCP websites. On an occasional basis, coordinators may be invited to attend a virtual meeting with other ISCP Research Hub teams. This meeting will be set up by the International Centre.

Appendix 1

Websites

International Society for Coaching Psychology: <http://www.isfcp.net>

ISCP International Centre for Coaching Psychology Research:
<http://www.iscpresearch.org>

ISCP Research Hub central webpage: <http://www.iscpresearch.org/iscp-research-hubs>

Appendix 2

Company details of the International Society for Coaching Psychology

Name & Registered Office:

International Society for Coaching Psychology
2nd Floor
2 Walsworth Road
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
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Company No. 06652151

Date of Incorporation: 21/07/2008

Country of Origin: United Kingdom

Company Type: PRI/LBG/NSC (Private, Limited by guarantee, no share capital, use of 'Limited' exemption)

Nature of Business (SIC): 94120 - Activities of professional membership organizations

Status of the International Centre

The *ISCP International Centre for Coaching Psychology Research* is a research faculty of the *International Society for Coaching Psychology (ISCP)*. The International Centre is resourced and financed by the ISCP.