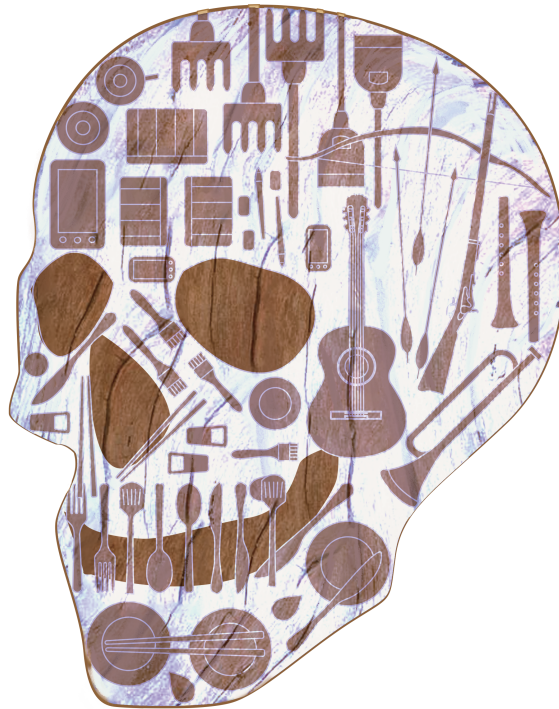


# PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE FOR CULTURAL EVOLUTION

## SUMMARY

Cultural evolutionary science is a rapidly growing area of interdisciplinary inquiry raising numbers of questions both knotty and deep.

With what analysis of 'culture' should cultural evolution operate? What are 'institutions', what is their ontology, and how ought we conceive of their causal relations? Are popular formal models purporting to show effects of social rather than individual learning plausible?



## THE MISSION

The mission of the upcoming virtual research network is to catalyze new philosophical interest in foundational problems of cultural evolutionary science by provisioning a small group of excellent philosophers of science, together representing a variety of targeted areas of expertise, with the incentive and the cooperative context to enter or continue in this exciting area with ample background information, knowledge of major issues, and a network to aid ongoing collaboration.

## PARTICIPANTS

**12** researchers will be selected for this project.

## SCHEDULE

Nine monthly meetings will be held to explore emerging issues in the philosophy of science for cultural evolution beginning in **May 2022**.

## STIPEND

Each researcher will receive a **\$5,000** stipend for their full participation.

## CANDIDACY

We are interested in recruiting researchers who believe they can make valuable contributions to the mission of this research group, and have relevant expertise, broadly defined, in this area.



Please consider expressing your interest in participating by completing an intake survey at this QR code or [this link](#) by **15 April 2022**.

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