**2021 Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Affirmative Action Meta-Analysis** |
| **Positions available:** | **1** |
| **Project duration:** | * *20 hours per week* * 5 weeks |
| **Description:** | Government offices, educational institutions, and private organisations use affirmative action strategies in an attempt to reverse decades of discriminatory practices and help level the playing field for underrepresented minority groups. We are conducting a meta-analysis to examine more than 40 years of research in this field and investigate the effects of these programs on behavioural and attitudinal responses. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Winter scholar students will meet weekly with myself and a PhD student. You will be provided with the general research background for the project before learning about various meta-analytic processes. You will be guided through the systematic review of papers, as well as the extraction and coding of data relevant to the meta-analysis criteria. You will also have the opportunity to see all your work come together through exposure to the data analysis and interpretation aspects of the project, though we do not expect you to conduct or interpret any analyses on your own. There may be opportunities to work on other related projects. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is suitable for students in Psychology, who have an interest in learning an advanced research technique and who enjoy statistics. Experience with mathematical equations will be beneficial, as this project will require you to convert and calculate effect sizes from existing data. You should be detail oriented and willing to read papers in great detail before using your mathematical skills to extract what is needed. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Courtney von Hippel |