**2021 Winter Research Project Description**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Project title:** | **COVID-19 Unmasked Global Collaboration** |
| **Positions available:** | **2**  |
| **Project duration:** | * 20-36 hours of expected hours per week
* 4 – 5 weeks
 |
| **Description:** | During 2020, a global collaboration between 9 countries (Australia, US, UK, The Netherlands, Poland, Greece, Cyprus, Spain, Turkey) was formed to conduct an international research study entitled, “COVID-19 Unmasked”. This research aims to bring a broad perspective of child and caregiver well-being in the context of COVID-19. More specifically, the collaborating researchers aim to (a) describe and compare the COVID-19 related experiences within and across countries; (b) examine mental health outcomes for young children (1 to 5 years) and their caregivers over a 12-month period during the COVID-19 pandemic; (d) identify the relationships between risk and protective factors for child and caregiver emotional wellbeing; and (e) combine data from all participating countries into one large open access cross-cultural dataset to facilitate further international collaborations and joint publications. This study is led by Alex De Young (UQ / CHQ) and more information about the research and reports from the Australian survey can be found here: <https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/covid-19-unmasked/>  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Students can expect to gain knowledge of the mental health impacts of the pandemic for young children and caregivers from around the world. They will be able to gain experience in conducting novel research that involves a global collaboration with >40 different investigators from different countries. They will contribute to reports disseminated to the general public and health professionals as well as academic papers. It is also a great opportunity to see what it is like to do research within a clinical setting. Tasks that they may be asked to help with include:* Literature reviews
* Assistance with some data collection
* Helping with preparation of study reports
* Helping set up databases (excel and SPSS)
* Helping with preparation of manuscripts
 |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from students in psychology with an interest in childhood mental health.  |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Alex De Young |
| **Further info:** | Alex can be contacted on adeyoung@uq.edu.au for further information about this project prior to submitting an application.This work will be based at the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health, Nundah. However, there is some flexibility to work remotely for some of the time. Onsite parking is free and it is also close to public transport. |