**2020 Summer Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Understanding the verbal determinants of attractiveness in speed dating** |
| **Positions available:** | **2**  |
| **Project duration and delivery**  | * *20-36 hours per week (negotiable)*
* *6-10 weeks*
* *Can be remote*
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| **Description:** | Though there has been much research focus on the physical determinants of attractiveness, there has been almost no research on how the content of people’s speech influences their attractiveness in a courtship situation. This project will answer these questions by analysing existing data in the form of audio recordings/transcripts from existing speed dates in our lab.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Students will perform coding of speed-date recordings and transcripts and potentially analysis of the resulting data. Depending on the findings, students may have an opportunity to generate or be involved in publications arising from the study. Students will be asked for a short report on their work at the end of their project.  |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from students with a background in psychology, biology, or maths, years 2-4. Good statistical skills are especially valued.  |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Brendan Zietsch |
| **Further info:** | Contact zietsch@psy.uq.edu.au for discussion |
| **Will you be collaborating with an external organisation on this project (for example NGO, government agency or private industry)?**  | NA  |