**2021 Summer Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | 1. **How does accent affect our people perception?** 2. **Impact of childhood trauma on adult health outcomes** |
| **Positions available:** | **Up to 2** |
| **Project duration and delivery** | **How does accent affect our people perception?**     * Max 36 hours per week * Ideally 10 weeks * Some of the tasks will be able to be completed remotely, but stable internet connection will be required. The ideal candidate will be able to complete work both on-site (at the UQ St Lucia campus and/or ScienCentre in South Brisbane) and virtually.   **Impact of childhood trauma on adult health outcomes**   * Max 36 hours per week * Ideally 10 weeks * This project will be able to be completed remotely, as long as the candidate has stable internet connection and UQ credentials to access the university’s electronic resources. |
| **Description:** | **How does accent affect our people perception?**  In modern day multicultural societies, accent is one of the most meaningful cues to one’s background. We readily use accent to evaluate others and interact accordingly, but how this manifests in prejudice and discrimination is hardly recognised by society and largely unexplored by researchers. As a Summer Scholar, you will contribute to a research programme that seeks to understand how and why accent comes to be a powerful cue in our everyday social interactions. The specific tasks will be discussed with each student, but these will likely involve helping with developing an empirically-evaluated database of voice recordings and some ‘hands-on’ research (e.g., recruitment, data collection, coding) with children and/or adults in this line of work.  **Impact of childhood trauma on adult health outcomes**  Traumatic experiences in childhood have been linked to a variety of poor health outcomes in adulthood. A large portion of this literature have focused on traumatic experiences as defined by physical and sexual abuse, however, findings from studies that have examined trauma rooted in emotional experiences suggest that this form of childhood trauma can be equally - if not more powerful - in predicting long-term health outcomes. The objective of this project will be to explore the literature on the links between childhood trauma and adult health outcomes, and conduct a meta-analytic review that aims to bring the issue of childhood emotional trauma to the spotlight. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | **How does accent affect our people perception?**  The Summer Scholar will gain ‘hands-on’ experience with research that merges developmental and social psychology.  **Impact of childhood trauma on adult health outcomes**  The Summer Scholar will learn the skills required to conduct a systematic literature review and a meta-analytic synthesis of existing data. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students who see a genuine potential in exploring a career in research. No existing skills are required. Students of all levels of study are welcome to apply, as long as they are eligible based on the UQ Summer Scholar policy. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Kana Imuta |
| **Further info:** | If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Kana (k.imuta@uq.edu.au) |
| **Will you be collaborating with an external organisation on this project (for example NGO, government agency or private industry)?** | No |