**2022/2023 Summer Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Exploring Automatic Imitation in a Strategic Context** |
| **Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode** | 6 Weeks  25 hours per week  Applicant will be required on-site for the project. |
| **Description:** | Humans are inherently social. From the moment we are born, we rely significantly on others for survival. As we grow older, we come across countless opportunities to form new relationships and interact with others in a variety of settings. One common observation during these interactions is that humans tend to automatically and non-consciously imitate the actions of others, a phenomenon that has been linked to the emergence of important socio-cognitive capacities such as language acquisition (Tomasello, 1999) and theory of mind (Meltzoff & Gopnik, 1993). Unfortunately, most work exploring automatic imitation in the laboratory has relied on adult participants and their performance on arduous computer tasks (Heyes, 2011). As such, this project will explore and compare the imitative tendencies of children and adults in a real-world setting. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Scholars will gain skills in data collection (children and/or adult participants), behavioural coding, and data analysis. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from students with a background in psychology in their 3rd or 4th year of study. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Sumeet Farwaha |
| **Further info:** | The project will take place in the Psychology Building of the UQ St Lucia Campus. If students would like to hear more about the project, they can feel free to email me ([s.farwaha@uq.edu.au](mailto:s.farwaha@uq.edu.au)). |