**2022/2023 Summer Research Project Description**

Please use this template to create a description of each research project, eligibility requirements and expected deliverables. Project details can then be uploaded to each faculty, school, institute, and centre webpage prior to the launch of the program.

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| **Project title:** | **Peer Collaboration and Word Learning** |
| **Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode** | 8 weeks during Summer Vacation.  Hours of engagement must be between 28-32hrs per week (approx 4 days per week)  Some tasks can be undertaken off-campus however the scholar will be required to attend campus for some activities |
| **Description:** | **Project Details:**  Individual differences in early word-learning have implications for educational and social-emotional outcomes. Early word learning is shaped by individual capacities and social experiences. Currently we understand the role of adults in children’s word-learning, yet we have limited insight into the role of peers. Government initiatives for universal early education have led to expansion of the early childhood education and care sector. In this context children receive linguistic input from and alongside peers. Accordingly, we will examine peer influences on word-learning in 3-5year-old children attending childcare. Additionally, we will examine how individual capacity in theory-of-mind and peer-collaboration influence the propensity for word-learning alongside peers.  Please note that the data for this study has been collected. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Applicants may have opportunity to undertake the following tasks:   * Review of relevant literature * Strategic literature searching * Online training course in data coding procedure * Data coding * Data entry |
| **Suitable for:** | * Students with an interest in Developmental Psychology. * This project is open to applications from students enrolled within the School of Psychology, UQ. * Working with Children Blue Card is desirable |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Aisling Mulvihill |
| **Further info:** | Should potential applicants have questions about the scholarship, they are welcome to contact Aisling Mulvihill via email ([a.mulvihill@uq.edu.au](mailto:a.mulvihill@uq.edu.au)) prior to submitting an application |