**UQ Summer Research Project Description - 2026**

*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:** | **Preventing the intergenerational transmission of family violence and child maltreatment** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | One student will require to engage 30 hrs per week for 6 weeks (12 Jan – 20 Feb 2026). The project offers a hybrid format, with on-site attendance at St Lucia campus expected for at least two days per week.  |
| **Description:** | *Despite national and international efforts, many children still grow up being exposed to violence in their homes. This project offers the opportunity to contribute to three projects at different stages of development:* 1. *Corporal punishment: Based on two published studies, this project seeks to understand social norms towards corporal punishment. This will involve the design of a pilot study to inform public campaigns to promote a total ban of corporal punishment in Australia.*
2. *Risk and protective factors of child maltreatment: This project is part of an international collaboration to examine risk and protective factors influencing the intergenerational transmission of child maltreatment across cultures. This project is at the stage of data collection.*
3. *Parents’ wellbeing and cultural diversity in early childhood: This project seeks to understand the interplay between parenthood, cultural background, and adversity. This project will involve the design of a pilot study.*
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| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | *Scholars will have the opportunity to engage in different research projects at various stages, involving quantitative and qualitative research. Thus, students will gain knowledge and skills in literature review, data collection, data analysis, and professional and academic writing. Students may also be asked to produce a report or oral presentation at the end of their project.* |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is suitable for 3rd or 4th year psychology students. Students are encouraged to apply if they have a genuine interest in learning new skills, engaging in applied research related to parenting and family psychology, developmental psychology, and public health, and participating effectively in research teams to collaborate in research tasks. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Carolina Gonzalez, clinical psychologist and Postdoctoral Research Fellow. |
| **Further info:** | Students interested in applying for this project are welcome to contact Carolina Gonzalez (c.gonzalez@uq.edu.au) for an informal chat or clarify questions by email, prior to submitting application. |