**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:** | **Green parenting: Understanding parents’ role in times of climate change** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | One student will require to dedicate 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:** | *Parents are key role models for their children, and their attitudes and behaviours towards the environment shape their children’s care for the environment. This project offers involvement in an ongoing research project focused on the novel concept of green parenting, i.e., parents’ promotion of their children’s pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours. This project led by researchers from UQ and the University of Southern Queensland have conducted a scoping review, a parent survey, and interviews with parents. This summer project will focus on literature review, analysis of collected data (quantitative data and potentially qualitative data), and writing research reports and publications. This project will also offer the opportunity of engaging in proposals for future research aimed at seeking further funding opportunities and research collaborations. This project will also offered opportunities to engage in others research projects to enhance learning experience.*  |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | *Scholars will gain knowledge and experience about various stages of the research project, with a special focus on literature review, data analysis, and professional and academic writing. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in both quantitative and qualitative research.* *Students may also be asked to produce a report or brief oral presentation at the end of their project.* |
| **Suitable for:** | *This project is suitable for 3rd or 4th year psychology students with a clear interest in applied research related to parenting and family psychology, developmental psychology, and public health. 3rd or 4th year students from other relevant disciplines may apply if they have a strong interest in this project and areas* of work*. Students will need to have a genuine interest in learning new skills and join 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. |