**UQ Summer Research Project Description - 2026**

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| **Project title:** | **Collaborative project for journalism/communications students (or those with journalism/communication experience) to develop/progress a podcast/vodcast, blog or other social media translating research findings for a community audience** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | The project duration for the 2026 Summer program is six (6) weeks between 12 January - 20 February 2026.  Expected hours of engagement on this project are 29 hours per week for the first 4 weeks and a lighter load of 20 hours per week in the last 2 weeks (156 hours in total). It is suggested this be completed as 4 x 7.25hr days in the first 4 weeks and fewer or shorter days in the last 2 weeks. We are also open to you breaking up your weekly hour commitment differently if/as needed to fit around other commitments you might have over the program period.  You can complete this work remotely, on campus in common areas, or there is also a SCL lab with desktop computers available for you to work from if needed, up to a maximum of 4 hours per day.  You will be expected to attend the following sessions with the Social Change Lab, in addition to any compulsory sessions hosted by the program coordinators:   * A one-hour group orientation session with your Social Change Lab supervisors and fellow Summer scholars at the beginning of the program, in-person but with a Zoom option for anyone not able to attend face-to-face. * One-hour weekly Zoom group consultation sessions with your SCL supervisors for academic/research support.   We also ask that you send us a brief email updating us on your progress at the end of each day working on your project.  In addition, you will also be invited to attend (not compulsory):   * One-hour weekly Zoom check-in meetings for practical support. * A group presentation session with fellow Summer scholars towards the end of the program where you will have the opportunity to present your work. * A social gathering after the presentation session to mark the end of the program, celebrate your accomplishments, and reflect on your experiences and the new skills you have learned. * You are also encouraged to attend any relevant skills training workshops advised by program coordinators that are scheduled during the program.   We will accept up to 6 students working collaboratively in pairs or as a team across up to 3 different projects, with the specific topics for the projects to be decided in collaboration with the students. |
| **Description:** | We will accept up to 6 journalism/communications students **(or those with journalism/communication experience)**. The task will be to work with others to create/progress a podcast/vodcast, a blog or other social media based on research conducted by researchers within the Social Change Lab. They will be for the purpose of translating research findings for a community audience. The specific topics for the projects will be discussed and decided in collaboration with the students. |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | Students will gain experience working on an interdisciplinary project developing podcasts/vodcasts, blogs or other social media from social psychological research content.  Deliverables will consist of the various content, e.g., podcasts/vodcasts, blogs, videos, created by the students. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from 3rd – 4th year students with experience or coursework in journalism or communication required, with a GPA of 5 or above. Students must have a demonstrated record of excellence, and the capacity to work independently but also as part of a team. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Professor Winnifred Louis |
| **Further info:** | Questions are ok and can be submitted prior to applying to Christine McCoy at [c.mccoy@uq.edu.au](mailto:c.mccoy@uq.edu.au). Applicants will be decided based on grades, CV, level of motivation to work with us on this project and possibly interviews at the time. |