**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:** | **How does accent affect our social interactions?** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | * Max 36 hours per week for 6 weeks
* Some of the tasks will be able to be completed remotely, but stable internet connection will be required. The ideal candidate will be able to work both on-site (at the UQ St Lucia campus and/or Queensland Museum in South Brisbane) and virtually.
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| **Description:** | In modern day multicultural societies, accent is one of the most meaningful cues to one’s background. We readily use accent to evaluate others and interact accordingly, but how this manifests in prejudice and discrimination is hardly recognised by society and largely unexplored by researchers. As a Summer Scholar, you will contribute to a research programme that seeks to understand how and why accent comes to be a powerful cue in our everyday social interactions. The specific tasks will be discussed with the Summer Scholar closer to the time of project commencement, but will likely involve helping with developing an empirically validated database of voice recordings and some ‘hands-on’ research (e.g., recruitment, data collection, coding) with children and/or adults in this line of work.  |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | The Summer Scholar will gain ‘hands-on’ experience with research that merges developmental and social psychology. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students who see a genuine potential in exploring a career in research. Students of all levels of study are welcome to apply, as long as they are eligible based on the UQ Summer Scholar policy.  |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Kana Imuta |
| **Further info:** | If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Kana (k.imuta@uq.edu.au) |