2027 Summer Research Project Template

Help us present your project in a way that connects with the right students. Thoughtful, engaging descriptions tend to attract stronger and more suitable applications. Thank you for putting a project forward - these programs rely on your contribution, and we couldn't do it without you.

Section	Description
Project title	What makes people become racist, or reject racism?
Hours & delivery	32 hours per week, hybrid
About the project (150–250 words)	Recent efforts at reducing racism through things like contact interventions (where people come into contact with members of other groups) have largely failed. This raises the question of exactly what it is that reliably changes people's racial attitudes. In the present study we ask adults to tell us in their own words what they think led them to change their social attitudes.
What you'll do (100-150 words)	Students will participate in detailed coding of qualitative data, pulling out themes, engaging in discussions, and contributing to a codebook. They may also participate in a literature review and have the chance to give a talk in a lab group.
What you'll learn (100–150 words)	Students will gain skills in qualitative data analysis. They will also learn more about social psychology and attitude change. They will learn how to combine qualitative and quantitative data.
Project outcomes (75–125 words)	Briefly describe the **expected outputs or achievements** by the end of the project.
Who should apply? (75–125 words)	Students of psychology with a particular interest in social psychology are encouraged to apply. Desired skills are attention to detail, perseverance, and familiarity with statistical analysis (e.g., PSYC2010, PSYC3010).
Team & supervision (75–125 words)	Students will work with Fiona Barlow, Michael Thai, and Alex O'Donnell, as well as Kelly Kirkland. Day to day supervision will be undertaken by Kelly Kirkland. Students will be expected to attend lab group activities.
Additional opportunities (optional)	Sustained and substantial involvement may warrant authorship on a paper, as per NHMRC publication guidelines. Research experience and public speaking experience are also part of this opportunity.
Additional requirements (if applicable)	Access to a computer.
Contact	Yes, students may contact the supervisor before applying. Direct enquiries to: Fiona Barlow f.barlow@psy.uq.edu.au