**2019-2020 Psychology UQ Summer Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Increasing organ donation rates and conversations** |
| **Project duration:** | * 8 weeks * 20 hours per week |
| **Position/s available** | 2 |
| **Description:** | Engaging, recruiting and retaining donors is vital for the provision of substances of human origin (e.g., blood/blood products, organs/tissue, bone marrow/stem cells) to save or improve quality of life. The research project falls within a broader program of research, ‘Helping the Medical Matchmakers: Sustaining and Understanding Living Donors’ program, funded by the University of Queensland in conjunction with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. The Summer Research scholars will explore current local and international practices to increase the rates of organ donation (e.g., systems, incentives) and interventions to encourage conversations about organ donation with family (i.e., telling family your wishes). |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Successful applicants will have the opportunity to gain skills in and contribute to literature reviews, the set up and running of projects and protocol documents, creation of online surveys, data collection and early stage data analysis. |
| **Suitable for:** | An interest in social psychology, particularly applied social psychology, is highly desirable. Completion of a second or third year research methods course is also desirable, but not essential. The ability to work as part of a team is essential. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Professor Barbara Masser & Dr Mel Hyde (co-supervision) |
| **Further info:** | If you have any questions about the project, please email Professor Barbara Masser ([b.masser@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:b.masser@psy.uq.edu.au)) or Dr Mel Hyde ([m.hyde@uq.edu.au](mailto:m.hyde@uq.edu.au)). |