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

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| **Project title:** | **Supporting the mental health of young people with chronic medical conditions and their families** |
| **Project duration:** | * 8 weeks * 26 hours per week |
| **Position/s available** | 1 |
| **Description:** | Two clinical psychology PhD projects come under the umbrella of this research. The first focuses on understanding the experience (from the perspective of young adults with Type 1 Diabetes and their parents/caregivers) of transitioning health care settings and the management of diabetes. The second focuses on understanding and addressing the mental health profile, particularly anxiety, of children with Cystic Fibrosis and their parents/caregivers. Research in this area is very important with 10 to 20 percent of Australian children and young people currently living with a chronic illness. Young people with chronic illness are four times more likely to develop mental health symptoms compared to their healthy peers. The overarching purpose of the current projects is to develop support programs to assist young people and families impacted by chronic illness. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | *T*he successful summer scholar will be expected to undertake a range of tasks including: reviewing and summarising literature (using PRIMSA systematic review guidelines), scoring of questionnaires, data entry, data cleaning, transcription, and coding of semi-structured interviews. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from students enrolled in UQ School of Psychology (3-4 year or post-bachelor), interested in pursuing clinical psychology. Written English and verbal competence are required to complete the transcriptions of the semi-structured interviews. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Associate Professor Vanessa Cobham. Hayley Kimball and Anna Hickling (PhD students) to provide additional supervision |
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