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

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| **Project title:** | **How do people prioritize competing deadlines? A meta-analysis** |
| **Project duration:** | * 8 weeks * 20 hours per week |
| **Position/s available** | 1 |
| **Description:** | This research seeks to examine a question of widespread interest within organisational, cognitive, and social psychology: how people make prioritization decisions in the face of competing deadlines? For example, how does a student decide which assignment to work on when juggling multiple assignments with different due dates? This project will involve conducting a literature review of previous research on this topic and analysing data from previous experiments. The scholar’s duties will include searching academic databases for papers on this topic, recoding datasets from previous experiments to prepare them for analysis, and running statistical analyses. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The scholar can expect to gain skills in data manipulation, visualisation, and analysis, and may gain experience working with new statistical programs (e.g., R). The scholar can also expect to gain an in-depth knowledge of the literature on goal prioritization. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from UQ students with a background in psychology. Candidates with an interest in continuing on to honours or PhD research are preferred. Experience with the R statistical programming language is desirable, but not essential. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr. Timothy Ballard |
| **Further info:** | This supervisor wishes to be contacted by students prior to submitting an application. t.ballard@uq.edu.au |