**2020 Psychology Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **The epidemiology of substance use and risks in adolescents** |
| **Positions available:** | **Up to 2** |
| **Project duration:** | * *35 hours / week* * 4 - 5 weeks |
| **Description:** | Substance use are top factors that causes disease burden in young people. This project involves conducting literature review on the epidemiology of substance use, including alcohol, smoking, cannabis, and other extra-medical drug use, across different countries and their psychological, social, and demographic correlates in adolescents. High achieving students will have the opportunity to contribute to a research report for publication and explore future topics that can be developed into a research project for a thesis. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The student will gain training in epidemiology and research methods relevant to literature review, analysis, and interpretation in research findings. The scholar will gain working experience within a research environment. Expected deliverables will include a review of selected substance use and analysis that can contribute to research projects or papers. There will be opportunities to expand this work into a student research project. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is suitable for a scholar interested in the epidemiology of substance use in adolescents who wishes to develop experience in contributing to research projects. It would suit applicants with exceptional reading, speaking, and written communication skills. The suitable scholar would have completed (or enrolled to) UQ library systematic reviews and Endnote training. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Janni Leung |
| **Further info:** | To express your interest before applying, please send through a copy of your cv, your official academic record, and a cover letter describing your research interest, your goals for what you want to achieve through this program, and why you believe you would be a successful candidate. |