**2020 Summer Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Social transdiagnostic mechanisms in the development of psychopathology and substance use** |
| **Positions available:** | **2** |
| **Project duration and delivery** | * The hours per week for this project are negotiable. Ideally the student would be available for 30 hours per week. * The project is estimated to run over 10 weeks |
| **Description:** | Transdiagnostic approaches suggest that diverse mental health disorders have common latent factors. A large body of research has demonstrated that social factors (such as social connectedness, support, identity) play a role in the development and maintenance of psychological disorders across diagnostic categories. As such, it may be possible However, transdiagnostic approaches typically focus on processes that occur at an individual level, with limited research examining potential social-level transdiagnostic processes.  The current research will involve systematically reviewing the literature to try and delineate the possible processes involved within a transdiagnostic framework. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Scholars will gain experience in developing research questions, conducting literature reviews, designing systematic reviews, and writing reports. If students wish to remain involved in the project to gain experience in publishing, this can be negotiated with the supervisor.  Students will be expected to complete a report as part of the project. |
| **Suitable for:** | 3rd and 4th year psychology students with an interest in social and clinical psychology. |
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