**2020 Summer Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Understanding Reproductive Coercion** |
| **Positions available:** | **1** |
| **Project duration:** | 21 hours per week (3 days) for 8 weeks |
| **Description:** | Reproductive coercion is any interference with a person’s reproductive autonomy that seeks to control if and when they become pregnant, and whether the pregnancy is maintained or terminated. It includes sabotage of contraceptive methods and intervention to a person’s access to healthcare.  The aim of this project is to examine the prevalence of reproductive coercion among different pregnancy counselling and clinic services nation-wide for women experiencing unplanned pregnancy and/or seeking abortion.  This project will not involve any direct counselling or data collection but will involve extensive data management and communication across organisations. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The scholar will gain skills in data management and analysis of organisational data. They will also develop further skills in literature review and writing with the opportunity to generate publications from this research. The scholar will gain connections to external organisations in related fields and they may be asked to produce an oral presentation at the end of their project to share with the organisations. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students in Psychology or Public health. Suitable for 3rd – 4th year students with some statistics background.  Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and gender diverse applicants are encouraged to apply. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Leah Sharman |
| **Further info:** | This research will require some minor in-person contact with organisations to understand the data, which will be conducted in a COVID-safe manner. The rest of this project will be manageable from home when the scholar is confident moving forward, or in an office space at the School of Psychology in St Lucia.  Please contact [l.sharman1@uq.edu.au](mailto:l.sharman1@uq.edu.au) if you have any questions or would like to confirm anything about the working arrangements prior to applying. |