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

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| **Project title:** | **Exploring Social Transformation in Mental Health Occupational Therapy** |
| **Project duration:** | * 10 weeks * 28 hrs/wk |
| **Position/s available** | One |
| **Description:** | This project aims to explore social transformation in occupational therapy practice. As a profession, occupational therapy considers people and context inseparable - the social world infuses everyday life and the activities people engage in. Yet, very little is known about how occupational therapists consider the ‘social’ in their practice, the degree to which they consider their practice ‘socially transformative’, and what they do to generate social transformation.  In this project, we aim to explore how the ‘social’ is incorporated and enacted in occupational therapy practice in mental health. The project will draw on qualitative research methods. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Students will have the opportunity see a project progress from the early stages of designing a research study, through to data collection. Students can expect the following outcomes:   * *Literature search & annotated bibliography* * *Literature review* * *Develop and submit an ethics application* * *Data collection & transcription – individual interviews*   In addition, students will be provided with the opportunity to co-author publications that result from this project (i.e., journal articles, conference presentations). |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from 3/4 year students in the health sciences (including occupational therapy) or social sciences. |
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