**UQ Summer Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Implementation of Comprehensive, High-dose Aphasia Treatment (CHAT)** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | Flexible dependent on student availability: between 25 hours per week (~6 hours/day, 4 days/week) and 36 hours per week (~7 hours/week, 5 days/week) for 6 weeks.  This research is being conducted at the Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS) facility located in the Herston Health Precinct. If needed, this project can be completed under a remote working arrangement. |
| **Description:** | The Summer Scholar will assist the research team of the CHAT partnership research project.  **The CHAT partnership research project**  This project aims to implement the CHAT program into clinical rehabilitation settings. Delivered over 8 weeks, the CHAT program incorporates 50 hours of evidence-based and goal-directed treatment of impairment and function, involves, and trains informal caregivers, and provides a novel hybrid of face-to-face and telerehabilitation to ensure equity of access irrespective of location.  **Summer Scholar involvement**  Dependent on interests, you may be involved in:   * Supporting the development of clinical resources for the CHAT program. * Supporting data validation and management. * Conducting a literature review and syntheses to identify current evidence-based interventions and approaches for aphasia therapy. * Supporting information gathering to inform the development of the CHAT program materials. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Depending on your personal interests and the focus of this placement, you may gain skills in:   * How to deliver different evidence-based aphasia therapy approaches. * Critical appraisal and synthesis of research literature. * Qualitative and quantitative research methodologies. * Collaboration with stakeholders involved in the project. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students completing a bachelor of speech pathology (3-4th year) or masters of speech pathology at UQ with an interest in aphasia rehabilitation.  We encourage applications from students with both clinical and/or research interests. This opportunity can be tailored to suit your personal development interests and intended career pathway. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Marie McSween, post-doctoral research fellow  With support from Rachel Levine, PhD Candidate |
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