**2019 SHRS UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Self-management of aphasia: A survey of Australian SLPs** |
| **Project duration:** | * 4 weeks
* 20 hours/week
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| **Position/s available** | 1 position available |
| **Description:** | Aphasia is a chronic communication disorder, however access to on-going rehabilitation services are limited. Therefore, a goal of rehabilitation should be to enable the person with aphasia towards self-management. Self-management is an approach used in other chronic conditions which promotes the individual with the condition to take a principle and active role in managing their condition and implementing self-management behaviours (Barlow et al., 2002) and to advocate for themselves. Engaging in these self-management behaviours is more complex for people with aphasia due to their communication disorder. This project is part of a larger program of research which is explores self-management of aphasia from the perspective of people with aphasia and their communication partners and SLPs. This specific project will survey Australian SLPs about their views on self-management of aphasia. Specifically the aims of the survey are:1. To determine the key elements of a definition of self-management of aphasia.
2. To determine the key elements of a self-management approach in aphasia rehabilitation in terms of timing, interventions and methods of delivery.

Methods: A survey will be distributed to Australian SLPs. Data gathered will be comprised of both qualitative and quantitative data.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Scholars may gain skills in literature searching, data collection and entry, data analysis and will the opportunity to contribute to a publication from this research. Students will be asked to produce a brief report at the end of the project.  |
| **Suitable for:** | *This project is open to applications from students in 3rd or 4th year SLP.*  |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Annie Hill (weeks 2-4) and Dr Sarah Wallace (week 1) |
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