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

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| **Project title:** | **Exploring the micropolitics of professional ethics** |
| **Project duration:** | * 10 weeks * 28 hrs/week |
| **Position/s available** | One |
| **Description:** | This project aims to explore the complexity of professional ethics for occupational therapists working in mental health. While occupational therapists are obligated to abide by a code of ethics, the everyday reality of working with disadvantaged and marginalised people is not black and white. As a profession dedicated to social transformation, occupational therapists are regularly faced with problematic ethical dilemmas as they work to enable everyday occupations with people.  In this project we aim to explore the ethical tensions in mental health practice, better understand what constitutes ethical behaviour, and explore the interrelationship between ethics and socially transformative practice. 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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