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

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| **Project title:** | **Paediatric Research Engagement Theme** |
| **Project duration:** | * 8-10 weeks (4-5 prior to Xmas and 4-5 after)
* 24-32 hours (3-4 days, negotiated with supervisor, depending on research activities to be undertaken)
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| **Position/s available** | 1 |
| **Description:** | The aim of this project is to engage with and support paediatric researchers in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences - Paediatric Research Engagement Theme (RET)*.* Primary Project* The main project will centre around the topic of ‘School Readiness’ which is a topic of inter-professional interest and practice.
* This will involve assistance with an inter-disciplinary systematic review regarding interdisciplinary assessment for school readiness
* Involvement in school readiness and early school function assessment research in various disciplines with children over the school holidays
* Involvement in school readiness intervention sessions and groups with children over the school holidays

 Additional experience will be gained by:* Assisting RET staff and PhD students on other projects taking place over the Christmas period related to paediatrics and/or parenting.
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| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Summer, scholars may gain an opportunity to:* Meet and work with all inter-professional leaders in paediatric research in SHRS, as well as industry based clinicians who are working on PhD projects in conjunction with SHRS staff
* Learn skills in data collection and analysis - relating to systematic literature reviews and research directly with children and families
* Generate a publication from their research.
* Learn how to produce an oral conference presentation – which will be presented to the Paediatric RET at the end of their project with a view to this being submitted for a national/international conference
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| **Suitable for:** | Essential characteristics: * are from one of the SHRS disciplines - OT, PT, SP or AUD
* have a particular interest in paediatrics or parenting research

Desirable characteristics:* have a GPA suitable for enrolment in HRSS4300 (Minimum GPA 5.7, but > 6.0 is desirable due to competitiveness of applications)
* have a keen interest in pursuing a MPhil or Phd after graduation
* have a history of prior volunteering, causal work, or personal experience in a paediatrics related field (e.g. OSHC, vacation care, therapy assistant, community carer, babysitting etc)
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| **Primary Supervisor:** | Associate Professor Leanne Johnston, Dr Tomomi McAuliffe and Professor Jenny Ziviani (co-Chairs of Paediatric RET) |
| **Further info:** | All applications from SHRS students will be considered.A/Prof Johnston will arrange a time to meet with each applicant prior to selecting the final Summer Scholar. |