

2020 Winter Research Program

Project title:	Climate change and mental health
Project duration:	<i>10 weeks</i>
Description:	<p>Climate change is the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century. While certain physical health impacts of climate change are well understood, for example heat-related morbidity and mortality, the acute and chronic mental health impacts of climate change remain poorly understood. Depression is already the single largest contributor to global disability. Failing to adequately consider the climate change implications on mental health could further exacerbate and accelerate growing global trends in mental ill-health.</p> <p>This project will review the current evidence on climate change and mental health. This project will include a desktop audit of indicators and measures currently used to measure the mental health impacts of climate change. This will be accompanied by a review of the literature to discern what the current evidence base and potential gaps in knowledge on the mental health impacts of climate change.</p>
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	<p>Expected deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A draft manuscript for potential publication that will report the results of a systematic review of climate change and mental health literature- Submit a pitch to the conversation outlining current evidence on climate change and mental health <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scholar will gain skills in conducting systematic searches of literature, reviewing literature, desktop audits and gap analysis of current efforts to measure mental health impacts of climate change- Data interpretation and reporting and writing skills- Networking and knowledge building opportunities through attending relevant seminars and workshops.
Suitable for:	<p>This project is open to undergraduate and postgraduate applicants with interests in the research topic. Knowledge of the subject matter and experience with conducting systematic literature searches is preferable.</p>
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Further info:	<p>Students can contact Dr Anne Cleary at anne.cleary@uq.edu.au to discuss their application, but this is not mandatory.</p>