

2021 Summer Research Program

Project title:	The poverty highway: What puts Australian women there, and how can we help them get off?
Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode	10 weeks (minimum 28 hours/week). Remote working arrangements are possible, although some on-site attendance is preferred.
Description:	This project will contribute to a broader program of research, which aims to identify the structural factors and intervening, micro-level mechanisms that put Australian women into poverty and keep them there. Grounded in the life-course perspective, this program of work applies a gendered, sociological lens to the problem of poverty. The focus is on relationships between economic hardship and (1) family structure/post-separation dynamics, (2) domestic and family violence, and (3) women's paid and unpaid care work. Within that broad remit, the scope of this summer research project is open to negotiation.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	<p>Tasks may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collating and reviewing literature • Analysing quantitative data • Preparing ethics applications • Collecting qualitative data • Contributing to academic outputs (e.g., working paper, journal article, and/or conference presentation) <p>Students may also be asked to produce a report or oral presentation at the end of their project.</p>
Suitable for:	This project would suit students with a keen interest in the topic, and a background in the social or behavioural sciences (e.g., sociology, psychology etc).
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