

2021 Summer Research Program

Project title:	Exploring the development of community-based interventions to mitigate the mental health impacts of climate change
Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode	10 weeks with Mon to Friday office hours (e.g. between 8am – 5pm). A flexible working arrangement can be negotiated with the successful candidate with work conducted through a blend of remote and on-site approaches. Ideally weekly meetings between the supervisor and scholar will be conducted face-to-face but can be delivered via Zoom as necessary.
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. There is a need to review what is currently understood about the climate change impacts on mental health and wellbeing, as well as understand the role of community-led approaches and initiatives in mitigating these impacts. Such an understanding will be key to informing future research, practice, and policy development.</p> <p>This project involves conducting a literature review, extracting data, analysing results, and interpretation of the findings via drafting a manuscript for peer-review-publication.</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 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:	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.
Primary Supervisor:	Dr Anne Cleary
Further info:	Students can contact Dr Anne Cleary to discuss their application, but this is not mandatory.