

# PSYC3030

## Psychology Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE)

Title of Project	Child Mental Health in Disasters Workforce Project
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Expressions of Interest due by	7 June 2024 for Semester 2, 2024.
Project Background	<p>When disaster strikes, children are one of the most vulnerable groups to mental health impacts. Recent disasters in Australia have highlighted several gaps in support services for children and families in disaster contexts. There is a paucity of research or policy relating to best-practice for supporting children's wellbeing in disaster contexts, particularly specific to Australia. Furthermore, existing disaster management frameworks do not cater to the specific needs of children.</p> <p>Our research aims to bridge these gaps by developing guidelines for an Australian-specific National Child Disaster Workforce Strategy, aiming to reduce the vulnerabilities children face related to disasters, aligning with broader disaster risk management objectives. The guidelines will be developed by conducting two literature reviews.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) A scoping review will identify international models for child disaster workforce strategies and evaluate these for the Australian context.</li><li>2) A systematic review will draw from a socio-ecological model to identify barriers and facilitators to disaster interventions that promote child mental health and wellbeing (currently underway).</li></ol> <p>Research students will contribute to the literature reviews by taking part in developing a protocol for the scoping review, and/or being supported to follow systematic methods to identify and synthesise evidence for a review. Findings from their review work will be used by the research team to develop guidelines for a National Child Disaster Workforce Strategy, and students may also contribute to these guidelines.</p>
Time and duration of project	Semester 2, 2024
Pre-requisites	D or HD average in 200 level psychology (e.g., PSYC2001, PSYC2002) and either PSYC2009 (Quantitative Methods in Psychology) or PSYC3018 (Advanced Research Methods)
Proposed Assessment	Assessment will include a written assignment (e.g., research report with a background review, review protocol, results section,

	conclusion), weekly log, and contribution to the literature review process via developing a search protocol, searching for studies, screening abstracts, and data extraction.
Any additional information	The research group will meet weekly at a time to be confirmed.
Places Available	1-4