

2025-26 Adelaide Summer Research Scholarships.

Researchers listed in this document are interested in supervising students for Summer Research Scholarships in the [Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Economics](#).

Eligible students are encouraged to contact Researchers to discuss their research projects and potential supervision for a Summer Research Scholarship.

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ADELAIDE BUSINESS SCHOOL:

Researcher:	Research Area:	Available Project(s):
Associate Professor Janice Loftus	Financial and Sustainability Reporting	Sustainability Reporting Practice The Australian Accounting Standards Board recently introduced a mandatory sustainability reporting standard that requires disclosure of information about climate-related financial risk, and a voluntary sustainability reporting standard for general sustainability disclosures. The project will examine the effect that these standards are having on sustainability reporting practice in the public and/or private sectors.
Associate Professor Kevin Li and Dr Su Kim	Accounting / Dividend Regulation	Does dividend regulation cost Chinese IPO firms? In 2013, the Shanghai Security Exchange recommended that listed firms pay at least 30% of their net profit as dividends, or they must disclose why this targeted ratio is not achieved. Prior studies find mixed evidence on the effect of such regulation. This project aims to investigate whether and how dividend regulation imposes costs by leveraging the fact that IPO firms do not have enough resources to pay dividends but have to use their funds to grow businesses. To conduct this project, we need to manually collect data about pre-IPO dividends from the IPO prospectuses of Chinese firms.

ADELAIDE LAW SCHOOL:

Researcher:	Research Area:	Available Project(s):
Associate Professor Beth Nosworthy	Corporate Governance	Ad Hoc Experiences of Corporate Governance in Gaming. Please contact Researcher to further discuss project. Incorporated Support Structures and Decision-Making. Please contact Researcher to further discuss project.
Cornelia Koch , Dr Jessica Viven-Wilksch , Dr Mark Giancaspro , Dr Anne Carter , Lisa Cooper	Law, Tertiary Education	The projects will be on the impact of artificial intelligence on legal education and legal practice. Please contact researcher for discussion.

Associate Professor David Plater		<p>The Role of Granny Flats: Friendly Families or Fulcrum for Feuds, Fraud and Friction?</p> <p>With the acute Australian housing crisis in Australia, 'granny flats' are increasingly common. However, these arrangements are typically informal and are little studied and exist in a legal 'grey area'. They can work well to the benefit of all parties. However, there is ample scope for 'things to go wrong' and result in uncertainty, family disputes, costly and complex legal remedies and even abuse. This research project arises from the recent work of the South Australian Law Reform and seeks to examine the various issues and formulate effective measures to prevent and/or address when 'things go wrong' with granny flats.</p> <p>https://law.adelaide.edu.au/south-australian-law-reform-institute#real-property-act-review.</p>
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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & PUBLIC POLICY:

Researcher:	Research Area:	Available Project(s):
Dr Qazi Hague and Professor Firmin Doko Tchatoka	Economics	<p>Comparative Pathways to Hydrogen and Net Zero Transitions.</p> <p>This project uses qualitative comparative analysis and case studies to explore how different countries pursue hydrogen and net-zero transitions. It investigates the causal patterns, actor networks, and institutional dynamics that shape transformative changes across local, national, and global levels.</p> <p>https://hyptcenter.asu.edu/</p>
Dr Florian Ploeckl	Economic History	<p>Intergenerational Mobility across another continent.</p> <p>The project involves the replication of an academic study of 19th century intergenerational mobility across countries on three continents and the preparation for extending the study to colonial Australia.</p> <p>Additionally, contact the researcher for discussion to propose other research projects.</p>

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES:

Researcher:	Research Area:	Available Project(s):
Dr Edilene Lopes McInnes	Public Health, Bioethics, Migrant/Multicultural communities	<p>Engaging CALD communities in genomics data governance in Australia. This research project examines ethical, legal, and social considerations in the governance of genomic-related research within multicultural communities. Data will be collected from two migrant communities in Adelaide using culturally appropriate qualitative methods, and the findings will include journal articles, conference presentations and a report.</p> <p>Bridging cultures: A photovoice exploration of health beliefs within the Brazilian community in Adelaide. The project explores the healthcare needs of the Brazilian community in Adelaide to improve their access to health services. It is a qualitative study employing "photovoice," a participatory action research methodology. Findings will be shared through scholarly articles and a community event showcasing a photo exhibition.</p>

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Researcher:	Research Area:	Available Project(s):
Dr Ainoa Cabada	Politics and International Relations	<p>Advancing R2P's Early Warning Approach: Strengthening Humanitarian Commitments in the Face of Growing Authoritarianism. This project investigates how early warning is vital to responding timely to mass atrocities. By focusing on preventative protection, measures could be adopted by the international community to meet their humanitarian commitments. However, certain strategies undertaken by authoritarian regimes hinder the potential of early warning. This research explores the challenges that emerge when dealing with authoritarian regimes and intends to uncover how early warning measures could be implemented in authoritarian contexts.</p>

Dr Ainoa Cabada	Politics and International Relations	<p>Democratic Failures: How Foreign Policy enabled Libya's Authoritarianism.</p> <p>This project investigates how foreign policy could enable authoritarianism. The focus of this case study is Libya and its history of authoritarian rule. While the 2011 revolution aimed to establish a democratic government, the country remains deeply divided with rival factions and militias vying for power, often employing authoritarian strategies and tactics to maintain control. This project examines how the NATO-led intervention contributed to the entrenchment of authoritarianism in the country.</p> <p>Democratic Failures: How Foreign Policy enabled Authoritarianism in Iraq.</p> <p>This project investigates how foreign policy could enable authoritarianism. The focus of this project is Iraq and its history of authoritarian rule. While the 2003 US-led invasion culminated with a regime change in the country after the death of Saddam Hussein, the subsequent political landscape has been marked by instability and the persistence of authoritarian tendencies. This project examines how the US-led intervention contributed to the complexity of Iraq's political system with a mix of democratic institutions and authoritarian practices.</p> <p>Democratic Failures: How Foreign Policy enabled Authoritarianism in Afghanistan.</p> <p>This project investigates how foreign policy could enable authoritarianism. The focus of this project is on Afghanistan and its history as a theocratic emirate with a totalitarian regime. While the 2001 US-led invasion aimed to dismantle al-Qaeda and remove the Taliban regime, the Taliban surged back to power two decades after the intervention. This research investigates how the US-led intervention and consequent withdrawal of US forces in 2021 contributed to the entrenchment of authoritarian rule.</p> <p>Democratic Failures: How Foreign Policy enabled Authoritarianism in Iran.</p> <p>This project investigates how foreign policy could enable authoritarianism. The focus of this project is on Iran and its hybrid political system often described as authoritarian. This project examines how Iran's Islamic theocracy continues to survive election after election and how liaison with foreign countries contributes to the entrenchment of this electoral autocracy.</p>
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Dr Ainoa Cabada	Politics and International Relations	Music as a Weapon of Terror? Examining the Impacts of Heavy Music on Political Violence. This project investigates how certain music genres can contribute to polarization and extremism but also can lead some to terrorism and political violence. With a particular focus on the genre of heavy music, this project examines narratives within lyrics that contributed to times of revolt incited terrorist actions.
Dr Ben Adams	Sociology/Online Extremism	Digital Pathways to Gendered and Misogynistic Extremism in Young Australians. Young people are increasingly exposed to gendered extremism in digital spaces, including content and messaging linked with the manosphere, incel movement and more generalised misogyny. This fuels 'real world' violence and poses broader challenges for social cohesion. This project involves reviewing literature and data regarding gendered and misogynistic extremism online.
Associate Professor Benito Cao Lopez	Environment and Citizenship & Learning and Teaching	The future of the essay in the age of generative AI. The sudden irruption of GenAI in higher education has sparked widespread concerns regarding the viability of essays as a form of assessment. The argument often goes that LLMs, such as ChatGPT, herald the death of the essay. This project examines the future of the essay in the age of GenAI.
Dr George Tan	Geography, Environment and Population	International Student Housing. In recent years, international students have been scapegoats in the context of a housing crisis in Australia. However, there is little understanding of their housing situation. This research project seeks to explore the housing landscape for international students and investigate their housing trajectories during their studies.
Dr Hong Cai	Intercultural communication and AI	Between Art and Algorithm: Comparing Human Translators and Large Language Models in Chinese–English Literary Translation. Based on a corpus of Chinese literary articles, their human translations, and versions by six LLMs, this project analyzes translation strategies, evaluates LLM performance, and proposes a hybrid model that integrates human expertise with LLM efficiency to enhance quality, cultural sensitivity, and scalability in Chinese–English literary translation.

Jared Dmello	Criminology	<p>Illicit Networks: Mapping the Patterns of Crime and Justice. This project examines how criminal networks emerge, evolve, and operate. Students can unravel a variety of hidden networks while exploring the interconnected nature of conflict and violence. An understanding of social network analysis in the social sciences is strongly recommended.</p> <p>Lights, Camera, Conviction: Examining Crime and Public Perception. This project will provide students with an opportunity to understand how crime is consumed by broader audiences using a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods.</p>
Dr Jungho Suh	Environmental philosophy/Ecological Economics	<p>A systematic literature review of human-nature relationships. There is a vast body of literature on human-nature relationships. Many studies criticise the dichotomous view of humans vs non-humans. These studies themselves may have been trapped in the dichotomous worldview. The proposed project identifies relevant publications, using bibliographic databases such as Scopus and systematically reviews them to test the hypothesis. The project also investigates what alternative ontological views these studies have put forward.</p>
Dr Nathan Manning	Sociology/Online Extremism	<p>Current Trends of Digitally Circulated Right-Wing Extremism in Australian Youth. Young people are exposed to a variety of extremist content and messaging online, including increasingly mixed forms of right-wing extremism. This increases risks of 'real world' violent extremism and poses broader challenges for social cohesion. Our team's project involves reviewing literature and data regarding current trends in digitally circulated extremism.</p>
Associate Professor Priya Chacko	Politics and International Relations	Contact researcher for discussion
Dr. Toby Freeman, Dr. Connie Musolino and Professor Fran Baum	Social Determinants of Health Equity, and Healthy and Equitable Public Policy	<p>What policies will contribute to reversing growing health inequities in Australia? Findings from World Cafes. Growing health inequities are driven by inequities in social determinants (e.g. income, education, housing). We have convened 8 World Cafés with policy makers, civil society, and academic experts to identify policy recommendations to address these inequities. The student will contribute to the synthesis and analysis of the qualitative findings.</p> <p>https://www.adelaide.edu.au/stretton/our-research/stretton-health-equity#restoring-the-fair-go</p>