

Position Title	Research Associate
Classification	Level A
School/Division	School of Psychological Science
Supervisor Title	Senior Lecturer
Supervisor Position Number	318187
Position Number	NEW

Your work area

The School of Psychological Science comprises over 40 staff who deliver a world-class research and education experience to approximately 5000 undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students. The School is also responsible for the research training of over 130 PhD students, many of whom have been awarded PhD scholarships. The School is research intensive with internationally recognized expertise in Human Factors, Industrial and Organisational Psychology, Perception, Cognition, Developmental Psychology, Social and Personality Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Clinical Neuropsychology.

The School's strengths have been recognised internationally, with Psychology at UWA ranked in the top 100 in both the QS World University rankings by subject, and in the recent ARWU rankings. UWA has received the highest rating (5: well above world standards) for Psychology in each of the three rounds of the national Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluations: an achievement matched by only one other Australian university.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Senior Lecturer

Your role

As the appointee you will undertake collaborative research as part of the Wellcome Trust-funded project "Remaking One Health: Decolonial approaches to street dogs and rabies prevention in India" (ROH-Indies). This interdisciplinary project investigates why rabies persists as a public health problem in India, building on research that suggests that the answer might lie in insufficient understanding of everyday people-dog relations. It combines social psychology with human geography, history, and behavioural ecology to study the socio-cultural and environmental factors that structure people-dog interactions, dog ecology, and rabies prevention efforts in urban and rural India. It seeks to generate insights for making One Health initiatives more effective and ethical and will partner with public health practitioners to develop rabies prevention interventions that are socio-culturally appropriate (for more, see <https://rohindies.org/>). You will work under the direction of Co-Investigator on this project, Dr Tim Kurz (in Psychology at UWA), working closely with project partners Dr Krithika Srinivasan (PI, University of Edinburgh), Dr Chris Pearson (CI, University of Liverpool), and Assoc. Prof Daniel Ramp (CI, University of Technology Sydney) as well as research associates on the project at Edinburgh, Liverpool and UTS managed by each of these other investigators.

Your key responsibilities

Work collaboratively with historians, human geographers and behavioural ecologists (using qualitative and quantitative data) to develop models of human-street dog relations

Conduct survey research in urban and rural India (assisted by local research assistants) exploring attitudes, knowledges, and everyday practices in relation to street dogs

Collaborate with end-users to examine how social psychological approaches might be experimentally applied to promote safe and healthy human-dog cohabitation

Prepare manuscripts for publication

Support the research through co-ordination and facilitation of, and contributions to, conferences, workshops and other events

Mentor and co-supervise PhD and Honours students

Contribute creatively to external communications and other public engagement activities, including the website and social media channels

Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

PhD in social psychology or related field

Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including demonstrated ability to prepare reports for publication, and to communicate complex material to a broad audience

Strong research and publication profile relative to opportunity

Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and collaboratively, and to build effective and positive working relationships with others, both within and outside your (sub)discipline

Competence in using experimental/survey software (e.g., Qualtrics), statistical tools (e.g. SPSS, Jamovi or R), and online testing platforms (e.g., Amazon Mechanical Turk / Prolific)

An awareness and understanding of qualitative research methods (desirable)

A knowledge of the application of social psychological theory and methods to human-animal relations, broadly defined (desirable)

Experience of working in an interdisciplinary research environment (desirable)

Track record of community engagement and participation in impact-oriented activities (desirable)

Knowledge and/or experience of the cultural and linguistic context of India (desirable)

Special requirements (selection criteria)

The role will involve some fieldwork in India (subject to Covid-19 safety protocols)

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University's Code of Conduct hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct

Inclusion and Diversity web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity

Safety, health and wellbeing safety.uwa.edu.au/