

## CEPAR Summer Scholarship Project Nomination Form 2019/20

**Project Code:** CEPARSS2307

### Project title

The growth and ageing of same-sex couples in the census

### Supervisor (s)

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### Project summary

The project will document the growth and changing age-sex profile of same-sex couples as measured by the Australian census. Data on same-sex couples at the national, state/territory, and possibly capital city/balance of state scale will be compared for 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021 to determine how this population has changed in terms of size, age and sex composition, and cohort change. We will also examine reported relationship (de facto versus married), children in the household, and other key socio-economic characteristics.

### Role of the scholarship holder(s) in the project

- The scholarship holder will be involved in:
- extracting census data using TableBuilder Pro
  - undertaking analysis of the data in Excel
  - preparing suitable graphs
  - contributing to a short report on the key findings

### Required knowledge, skills and/or training

A basic knowledge of demography is required.  
 Good skills in Excel are needed.  
 Knowledge of sexual identity issues is required.  
 Some familiarity with ABS census and population data would be helpful.  
 N.B. Registration to use TableBuilder Pro will be required in advance.

### Preference

*Students are welcome from any background but should have good quantitative and computing skills, and an interest in the diversity of population change.*

### Work period

The work period may be broken into two parts as students will not be expected to work during any university shutdown period over Christmas/New Year. You may either specify dates the student must be available to work over the summer period (i.e., to fit in with any leave you may have planned) or leave the exact dates open to negotiation with the successful applicant.

<p>Total work weeks:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 weeks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5 weeks</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 weeks</p>	<p>Please tick one box</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact dates will be decided in consultation with the successful applicant</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The project must be conducted during the following period: --/--/-- to --/--/--</p>
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