

COCOON Global Research Collaboration - COntinuing care in COVID-19 Outbreak: A global survey of New, expectant and bereaved parent experiences

HDR/ Honours Project Description

Project Title	COntinuing care in COVID-19 Outbreak: A global survey of New, expectant and bereaved parent experiences
Project duration:	This project will conclude recruitment and data collection in October 2021 for Australia and majority of COCOON country centres (e.g., Italy, Spain, UK, US etc). Several countries that have recently joined the collaboration (Latin America, Philippines, Laos, Canada) will continue recruiting.
Availability	January, 2022
Description:	Globally, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disrupted the provision of healthcare and efficiency of healthcare systems and is likely to have significant implications for pregnant and postpartum women and their families including those who experience the tragedy of stillbirth or neonatal death. This study is a global collaboration across 15 high- and lower-income countries as part of the International Stillbirth Alliance network to explore maternity care experiences following the birth or death of a baby and the psychosocial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This study will identify areas for maternity care and bereavement care improvement, examples of best practice, and provide baseline data for ongoing monitoring and evaluation.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	The student will gain skills required in developing a research project proposal based on the data available. They will also learn skills in data management - including data cleaning, data merging, generating variables and running relevant statistical analysis. They will be expected to produce a manuscript for publication as a part of this project.
Suitable for:	This project is suitable for a Masters student with a background in science (particularly public health, social science, nursing, midwifery etc) and should have an interest in perinatal mental health and wellbeing, and care after perinatal loss. Applicants must have a sound understanding of how to source and reference peer-reviewed journals, have excellent written and verbal English language skills, and be able to work independently. Interest and some skills in quantitative data analysis using statistical software (for e.g., SPSS, STATA) will be an advantage.

Primary Supervisor:	Dr Siobhan Loughnan (Postdoctoral Research Officer; Project Lead) Professor Vicki Flenady (Director of Stillbirth CRE)
Further info:	For more information about this project, please contact Dr Siobhan Loughnan prior to submitting an application. e: siobhan.loughnan@mater.uq.edu.au For more information on the study, please visit the COCOON website: https://stillbirthcre.org.au/researchers-clinicians/cocoon-global-research/