

## Relationships Australia

### Effective Knowledge Translation – Disseminating the Findings of Social Research to Improve Relationship Australia’s Major Campaign

**Internship available for Summer or Semester 1, 2023**

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Relationships Australia are a leading provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities. We aim to support all people in Australia to achieve positive and respectful relationships.

Neighbour Day is Relationships Australia’s social connection campaign. It aims to support and enable sustainable respectful relationships across communities, while also helping to address loneliness across the nation. It does this through awareness raising and capacity building.

In 2019, an estimated 400,000 people got involved in Neighbour Day. Since 2020, the campaign has received media attention, as it shifted to promote #CreativeConnections, supporting communities to stay connected throughout challenging circumstances.

We have had the campaign externally evaluated by the ANU and other universities for four years. More recently, we have conducted research projects with local government areas to explore the campaign in conjunction with current events, to explore how we can improve Neighbour Day and make it accessible to all Australians.

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Internship details	
Internship Availability	Summer or Semester 1, 2023
Internship Discipline/s	Psychology; Science Communication; Science and Health Policy
Internship Level	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr and 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr Undergraduate; Postgraduate Coursework
Available to International Students	Yes
Preferred Project Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong communications skills</li><li>• Report writing skills</li><li>• Experience with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities</li><li>• Interest in in community and relational solutions to public health issues</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in translating research findings into corporate knowledge</li> <li>• Familiarity with issues such as loneliness, mental ill-health and family and domestic violence</li> </ul>
Clearances Required	No
Host Supervisor	Claire Fisher – Senior Research and Project Officer E: <a href="mailto:Cfisher@relationships.org.au">Cfisher@relationships.org.au</a> T: 0490 452 926
Location	2/67 Eyre St Kingston ACT 2604
Project Opportunities/Benefits for the Intern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposure to a non-for-profit environment</li> <li>• Exposure to a non-for-profit working across Australia, in a variety of different sectors</li> <li>• Experience analysing data, report writing and giving presentations</li> <li>• Experience with project management during dynamic times</li> <li>• Exposure to projects occurring across disciplines, with multiple stakeholders, including Councils and development companies</li> <li>• Experience translating complex knowledge into language that is suitable to a wide variety of audiences</li> </ul>

### Summary:

This project is supporting the dissemination of the findings of two research projects exploring the effects of COVID-19 and social isolation in Melbourne suburbs.

The research, which is being conducted throughout the second half of 2022, explores the differences in CALD people's experiences of living in inner and outer suburban Melbourne throughout the pandemic and the effect this has had on people's ability to socially connect with their community.

The research is part of the [Neighbour Day campaign](#) - Relationships Australia's social connection campaign. Neighbour Day aims to support and enable sustainable respectful relationships across communities, helping to address loneliness across the nation.

This project will support the distribution of these findings into a variety of formats, including research papers, conference presentations, research webinars, infographics and more. Depending on interest, skillset and experience,

students will have an opportunity to contribute to research papers (with the possibility of authorship) and/or present the work within our organisation and to external stakeholders. Post graduate students are encouraged to apply as the work will be tailored to your level of experience. You will also develop recommendations from the findings to ensure that accessibility to the campaign is improved. This project is about ensuring that the research creates change at an organisational level.