

The 2000 Stories Study is looking for volunteers to assist our data collection team. The 2000 Stories Study is a landmark longitudinal study spanning almost 30 years, composed of the Victorian Adolescent Health Cohort Study (VAHCS) and the Victorian Intergenerational Health Cohort Study (VIHCS).

VAHCS was established in 1992 with approximately 2000 Year 9 students (14 – 15 years of age). They have participated in 10 waves of data collection since 1992. Aspects of teenage and adult health and behaviour that were investigated included mental health, personality and social behaviours, school, family, and drug and alcohol use. This information has been used to improve the health of future generations by influencing policy and informing prevention programs.

VIHCS was launched in 2006 and is one of the first prospective multi-generational studies in the world to look at how a parent's (VAHCS participant) lifestyle, health and behaviour before pregnancy (including the teenage years), as well as during and after pregnancy, might influence their child's health and development. The current active stage of data collection in VIHCS is assessing the VAHCS participant's children as they turn 8 years of age, exploring a range of mental and physical health outcomes.

This study is looking for 2 volunteers to help with separate tasks to support data collection and participant engagement.

The first role will be to assist the VIHCS data collection team by completing written transcriptions of recorded speech samples to aid future scoring of a qualitative measure of parent/child relationships. This role will also include other project tasks as requested (e.g. contributing to grants/literature reviews, attendance at project meetings, general project admin support etc).

The second role will be to assist with PR activities for the study, supporting the study social media profile, website content and creating a newsletter for distribution to current 2000 stories participants. The newsletter will provide information and outcomes from previous waves of data collection in an interesting and engaging format for participants. The aim of the study PR activities will be to provide timely feedback to participants as well as create engagement for future contact.

The volunteer roles would suit students studying Psychology/Science/Health Science/Communications or related field.

These positions would require volunteers to be available half a day per week or 1 full day per fortnight with a commitment of at least 6 months.

You will need to have a current police check and Working with Children Check if appointed.

To express interest in these roles please forward a CV and cover letter to the Project Manager, Rianna Chapman at rianna.chapman@mcri.edu.au.

For more information on the 2000 Stories study please see www.mcri.edu.au/research/projects/2000-stories.