Social Health Lab Information for Honours Students (2021-2022)

We are excited that you will be conducting your Honours research project in our lab! Please familiarize yourself with the guidelines below and reach out to Dr. Chen, and/or the graduate student or postdoc supervising you, if you have any questions.

As an Honours student in the SHL, you are expected to commit to 8-10 hours/week of **lab work**.

- Lab work **includes** activities such as: postering/flyering; emailing, recruiting, scheduling, running participants; creating and piloting experiment materials; data coding; data entry and cleaning; troubleshooting equipment issues; lab meetings, meetings with your grad student/postdoc supervisor, and meetings with Dr. Chen. Lab work also includes background research and/or analyses that Dr. Chen and/or your grad student/postdoc supervisor specifically asks you to complete (even if you might eventually use this research/analyses for your Honours project).

- Lab work **does *not* include** tasks you're completing primarily for your course credit requirements (e.g., writing your Honours paper; background research or reading for your Honours papers that Dr. Chen/your grad student/postdoc supervisor has *not* specifically asked you to complete) or out-of-lab activities that are part of your Honours requirements (e.g., PURC, MURC). Please DO keep a record of these activities on your own -- we very much value and encourage you to spend adequate time on these activities (and a record of this can be very helpful for us when writing letters of recommendation). If you are unsure whether a task counts as "lab work," please ask Dr. Chen or the grad student/postdoc supervising your project.

In the early fall (Sept-Oct), you should meet with Dr. Chen and the grad student/postdoc supervising your project to discuss and finalize a research question and analysis plan.

In late March or early April, you will be expected to present your honours project at the Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (PURC). You should send a draft of your conference abstract, as well as your poster/presentation slides, to Dr. Chen and the grad student/postdoc supervising your project **at least 2 weeks in advance of the submission deadlines.** Remember that you will be representing the lab! It is expected that you provide all of your presentation co-authors (who will typically include Dr. Chen and the grad student/postdoc supervising your project) sufficient time to review and approve your presentation materials prior to submitting them. If annual budgets allow, the lab will pay for up to $50 of your poster printing costs. 36x48 is a standard size poster and costs between $65-70 (including tax) here: https://it.ubc.ca/services/desktop-print-services/printing-services/details-and-pricing#q1. PSA members receive a 10% discount at CopieSmart.

You will have two optional opportunities to receive feedback from your grad student/postdoc supervisor on sections of your writing for your Honours thesis. Your grad student/postdoc supervisor will provide one round of high-level feedback (not line-editing) on your intro+methods sections, as well as your results section, if you send a draft at least one week in advance of your class deadline for that section.