

# SUMMER RESEARCH 2024/25

## PROJECT ABSTRACT



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*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

### PROJECT # 16

<b>SUPERVISOR/S:</b>	Dr Kyle Tan
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Bibliography of Asian and Psychology Research
<b>FIELD:</b>	Psychology; Asian studies
<b>DIVISION/SCHOOL:</b>	Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies
<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b>	Hamilton

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Psychology in Aotearoa has its origins in the mass migration of American and Western-based psychological theories and paradigms. Despite four decades of efforts to decolonise psychology in Aotearoa, recent WERO studies, including those published with previous summer scholars, have found the discipline to be largely monocultural, leaving little room to explore racial identity, cultural strengths, and cultural competency. Psychology has seldom acknowledged the endeavours of Asian scholars in incorporating diverse Asian content into the field. The erasure of positive contributions of Asian New Zealanders to Aotearoa society exemplifies a 'yellow peril' archetype as a form of Asian racialisation.

The selected candidate for this summer scholarship will be placed under the MBIE-funded Working to End Racial Oppression (WERO) research programme (web link: [wero.ac.nz](http://wero.ac.nz)). Part of this programme includes addressing systemic racism in psychology as we envision a discipline that centres the voices of minoritised groups (including Asian) in the multiracial pursuit of social justice. The candidate will be guided to conduct a scoping review of the contribution of Asian scholars in Aotearoa to psychology through electronic database searches for academic and grey literature. The findings will be presented as a bibliography that includes thematic categories to identify literature gaps that can inform future research initiatives.

Opportunities are available to engage with the existing research and other WERO staff members within the Institutional Racism theme if the candidate wishes to develop a proposal for Master's or PhD research.

#### STUDENT SKILLS:

- Students with a passion in diversifying psychology including expanding Asian scholarship in the discipline
- A good level of knowledge of racism affecting minoritised groups
- Academic writing skills
- Ability to engage respectfully with other research members
- Students are encouraged to apply on the basis of having some but not all of the skills listed. Feel free to reach out to the supervisor via email ([k.tan@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:k.tan@waikato.ac.nz)) if you wish to have a chat before deciding whether to apply.

#### PROJECT TASKS:

1. Read selected literature on racism, settler colonialism, and Asian psychology
2. Conduct a scoping review of psychological literature produced by Asian scholars in Aotearoa
3. Participate in WERO tasks such as completing positionality exercise
4. Regular meeting with supervisors
5. Produce a poster
6. Draft a report detailing the research findings

#### EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Student's Research Poster (as per clause 6 of the [Scholarship regulations](#))
- A bibliography (see for example: <https://researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/handle/2292/35731>)

