

Masters Thesis Project

Study on the lived experience of intersectional ethnic minority youth

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This project aims to contribute to the understanding of intersectional ethnic minority young people's lived experiences in Aotearoa New Zealand. We define intersectional ethnic minority youth as young people aged 16-25 years with origins from Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and Africa, who self-identify with one or more additional minoritised identities (e.g., gender minority, sexual minority, religious minority, living with a disability, refugee background). The project will provide intersectional ethnic minority youth with a space to share and expand on their own lived experiences of intersectional identity. Informed by an intersectional lens, the project will conduct a series of semi-structured interviews that will be analysed using thematic analysis.

The project aims:

- To review the literature on intersectional ethnic minority youth
- To explore ethnic minority youth's experience of intersectional identity/ies
- To examine the processes of negotiating one's identity/ies and navigating social institutions, communities, and interpersonal dynamics
- To explore the impact of marginalisation and empowerment on health and wellbeing.

Who will it suit most:

- Full-time student, ready to start a Masters' Thesis in August
- Previous experience with systematic reviews and research dissemination will be beneficial
- Experience conducting qualitative research interviews and thematic analysis is helpful but not required
- Awareness of Asian and ethnic minority communities is important

If you are interested

- Send an email to r.ramalho@auckland.ac.nz
- In your email include
 - a) a short write up on why you are interested in working on this topic
 - b) curriculum vitae
 - c) unofficial copy of your transcript

This is a funded position, and the deadline for this application is 11th July 2022. The studentship will be open until a suitable candidate is identified.