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Adelaide Summer Research Scholarship 2019-2020

Young people, the internet, and pathways into crime

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This research project explores how young people use digital technology and how this changes over the course of adolescence. We are interested in how different factors (individual, social, and contextual) shape the kinds and extent of technology use, and in particular, pathways into crime. To this end, we are conducting a multi-year longitudinal study. We are asking South Australian secondary school students complete a survey once a year that asks them about their Internet preferences, activities, capabilities and delinquent behaviour. The first survey was conducted in 2018, and will be followed annually by surveys in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The original and novel data collected through this longitudinal survey will make it possible to identify:

- 1) The ways that adolescent digital preferences, uses and capabilities change over time; and
- 2) The specific technical and social factors that draw adolescents into criminal activities

The successful applicant will work in our University of Adelaide-based Digital Youth Research Lab and have the following duties:

- 1) Assistance with Wave 2 (2019) data collection
- 2) Manipulation, coding and analysis of quantitative data
- 3) Participation in team meetings (in person and virtually with international collaborators)
- 4) Preparation of manuscript for publication

To be eligible for this position, applicants must have at some background in Criminology at the University of Adelaide or elsewhere (i.e. completed at least 6 units of CRIM courses) and must have successfully completed at least *one* research methods topic at the University of Adelaide or elsewhere (e.g. GEOG 2132, SOCI2012, SOCI 3010, SOCI3012 or others). Student should also be familiar with using SPSS.

For more information about the Digital Youth Research Lab and the work we do, visit our website:

www.DigitalYouthResearch.org

The student will gain the following research skills and experience;

- Publication in a high quality journal
- Co-publication with student
- Work on an existing competitive grant application