RESEARCH TOPIC SUGGESTIONS (OR SUGGEST YOUR OWN)

• **Aboriginal youth involved with the criminal justice system**  
  *Contact: Jocelyn Jones and Mandy Wilson*  
  Several potential opportunities with projects exploring Aboriginal youths’ involvement with the criminal justice system, e.g. 2015 project exploring sexual and mental health of Aboriginal youth at Banksia Hill Detention Centre.

• **Adolescent alcohol use – influences, contexts of use and harm**  
  *Contact: Steve Allsop*  
  PhD that uses access to this population and beyond to examine the factors that influence choices about alcohol use, risky alcohol use and related harm.

• **Alcohol harm reduction with young people – how can apps help?**  
  *Contact: Nyanda McBride*  
  Develop an App to reduce alcohol related harm with young people.

• **Alcohol use during pregnancy – mainstream and paternal perspective**  
  *Contact: Nyanda McBride*  
  Identify intervention strategies, methods and content to reduce alcohol-exposed pregnancies.

• **Big Data is a developing area in the drug and alcohol field.**  
  *Contact: Nyanda McBride*  
  Explore the contribution that Big Data can make to the AOD field.

• **Cannabis consumption and adverse outcomes in young adults**  
  *Contact: Robert Tait, Steve Allsop*  
  International collaboration examining the impacts of cannabis use by adolescents. Unique dataset allows PhD student to address research questions with ‘rare’ but serious outcomes.

• **Drug Trends (IDRS AND EDRS)**  
  *Contact: Simon Lenton, Marina Nelson and James Fetherston*  
  We interview 100 West Australians who inject drugs and 100 users of ecstasy and related drugs. Honours and Masters students can add short questions.

• **Impact of alcohol and other drug use on infant development**  
  *Contact: Steve Allsop*  
  Access to a large cohort and examination of factors that influence parental decisions about alcohol and drug use, and the impact of parental alcohol and drug use on infants.
• **Incarcerated Aboriginal mothers**  
*Contact: Mandy Wilson and Jocelyn Jones*
Analysis of data collected on social and emotional wellbeing and cultural resilience of incarcerated Aboriginal mothers, potentially examining impact of use on their communities, family and children.

• **New psychoactive substances (NPS)**  
*Contact: Simon Lenton, Robert Tait*
Little is known about use of NPS, or ‘legal highs,’ or those who choose NPS over ‘traditional’ illicit drugs. Project allows PhD candidate to develop own questions in an emerging field.

• **School Health and Alcohol Harm Reduction Project**  
*Contact: Nyanda McBride*
*Online training for teachers:* This PhD will develop online training for teachers in the SHAHRP project, and assess the impact of this style of training compared to face-to-face.  
*Phase 3:* This phase will be refined using formative intervention research processes (focus groups, systematic literature review, pilot of draft intervention for feedback) before assessing impact.

• **Social Studies of Addictions (Melbourne)**  
*See [http://addictionconcepts.com/about/](http://addictionconcepts.com/about/)*
How is addiction depicted in popular culture and how do these depictions relate to policy, law and service provision? How do individuals experience diagnoses of addiction? How do public understandings of addiction and media representations shape drug use policy and practice?

• **Substance use and suicide ideation in older adults**  
*Contact: Robert Tait*
Older adults have the highest rate of suicide, and this is likely to increase with demographic changes. This project will identify key risk factors for suicide ideation among older adults using a multi-method approach, combining rich in-depth interviews with population data.