Section	Description
Project title	**Humanitarian Health Impacts of Drone Warfare**
Hours & delivery	24 - 28 hours per week In Person Herston Campus, Building 887 Public Health Building
About the project	Armed drones and loitering munitions are among the fastest-growing weapon categories used in contemporary armed conflict, yet their civilian health impact remains poorly characterised in the public health literature. Evidence that does exist is fragmented across peer-reviewed research and a wide range of grey literature (e.g., humanitarian NGO reporting, UN monitoring mechanisms, and field-based incident documentation) with no existing synthesis bringing these sources together.
What you'll do	This project will produce a scoping review, following PRISMA-ScR methodology, mapping what is currently known about civilian death, injury, and health-system impacts attributable to drone and loitering-munition strikes, drawing on both academic and grey literature sources.
What you'll learn	The student will develop practical skills in systematic search strategy design, screening, and data extraction/charting across both academic and grey literature; core methods used in evidence synthesis, humanitarian research, and health policy work. The student will deepen their understanding of the health consequences of armed conflict and the challenges of evidence collection in humanitarian settings. The student will strengthen their ability to synthesise complex, fragmented evidence into a clear, structured summary (PRISMA flow diagram and evidence table). These skills provide a strong foundation for future research activities, including PhD, or research assistant positions.
Project outcomes	This project will produce a scoping review, following PRISMA-ScR methodology, mapping what is currently known about civilian death, injury, and health-system impacts attributable to drone and loitering-munition strikes, drawing on both academic and grey literature sources.
Who should apply?	This project is suited to a student with a background in public health or a related field, with an interest in humanitarian and conflict-affected health research.
Team & supervision	The student will be supervised by Dr Stacey Pizzino. The project will be undertaken within a supportive research environment, with regular supervision meetings to discuss progress, address challenges and develop research skills.
Contact	Students **must** contact the supervisor before applying Direct enquiries to: Dr Stacey Pizzino, s.pizzino@uq.edu.au Ph: (07) 3443 8221