

# Junior Researcher Mentoring Programme

2023

<b>Code:</b>	JRMP2023_19
<b>School / Department:</b>	Department of Applied Social Sciences
<b>Name of Research Team Member(s):</b>	Dr Angel Lai, Assistant Professor Miss Cynthia Leung, Project Assistant
<b>Research Topic:</b>	Our "Jie Jie" Warrior: Finding Strengths of Foreign Domestic Helpers in Hong Kong
<b>Short Description of the Research Project:</b>	<p>Foreign domestic helpers “Jie Jie” are an integral part of almost all families in Hong Kong. Their participation in local families has unleashed the potential of local women’s working forces, contributing to the GDP of this city. The live-in arrangement for Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs) has blended them into the everyday lives of local families and made them a unique cultural group in Hong Kong. However, they face explicit discrimination and social exclusion, especially during COVID-19, and few of us recognise their strengths and resilience. This study adopts a fresh perspective to understand the strengths of our "Jie Jie", especially how their cultural identity and sense of belonging in Hong Kong contribute to their well-being. By involving secondary school students to participate in our project, we hope to facilitate our students to be cultural ambassadors that promote cultural awareness and social/racial integration in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Students’ Involvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation in a cultural exploration workshop using immersive technology (CAVE automatic virtual environment) at PolyU.</li> <li>2. Recruitment of foreign domestic helpers to participate in</li> </ol>

	<p>this study via fieldwork.</p> <p>3. Collection of primary survey data (expected n=250) via fieldwork with the foreign domestic helpers.</p> <p>4. Learn about data management techniques, including, bivariate analysis, and regression analysis based on the primary data collected from the foreign domestic helpers.</p> <p>5. Opportunity to participate in the qualitative analysis of over 200 photographs taken by the foreign domestic helpers about their experiences during COVID-19 using AI techniques (To be confirmed).</p> <p>6. Opportunity to publish in an internationally refereed journal and presentation opportunity at conferences (To be confirmed).</p>
<b>No. of Places Offered:</b>	4
<b>Frequency of Meetings:</b>	Bi-weekly
<b>Special Requirement(s):</b>	The participating students should have a passion for promoting cultural awareness, learning about immersive technology and applied statistics.

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