**OPTION 5: GRADUATION PAPER BASED ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT**

Psychology is an empirical science where data are collected and analyzed to answer major research questions about human behavior. Still, it is not possible to gain competence in our field without applying empirical knowledge into real life settings. Accordingly, TEDU Psychology groups are greatly encouraged to complete a social responsibility project as part of their bachelor thesis.

A project based Graduation Paper and Seminar aims to identify the psychosocial needs of various groups (e.g., students with mental problems, disadvantaged and/or stigmatized populations) and to produce an outcome (e.g., brochures, seminars, meetings) based on topics investigated through different methodologies (e.g., surveys, and semi-structured interviews). Accordingly, the following steps are expected to be performed by the groups:

1. Groups will initially identify a psychosocial problem which is significant to a certain population (e.g., suicide misconceptions among university students, commonly reported psychological problems among university students).
2. Having identified the particular problem, groups will be given a chance to familiarize with the nature of the problem using various methodologies. At this step, quantitative data collection strategies can be employed or qualitative methods (e.g., face-to-face interviews, focus groups) can be conducted to uncover individual experiences of such groups. Still, a note of caution is due here. The data collection process will only serve as a preliminary ground to set out the projects. In other words, groups are not expected to engage in a robust data collection process as it is the case in large scale studies. Instead, data collection will only be used as a preliminary base to guide the project outcomes.
3. Based on analyzed data and literature findings, groups are expected to develop a tangible outcome (e.g., brochures, seminars, meetings, interventions) in order to increase awareness of the particular needs of the targeted population.
4. Finally, a report consisting of the theoretical background and implications of the project will be submitted.

**REPORT CONTENT**

**Title:** The title should describe the particular psychosocial problem around which your projects evolve.

**Abstract**: The abstract should present a very short synopsis of your project.

**Introduction:** The Introduction should describe the significance of the psychosocial problem that you have identified for your projects. In essence, theoretical background and existing literature should be integrated to signify why it is important to perform this project.

**Method:** The Methods should convey the steps that you have followed throughout your projects. This includes reporting data collection process, data analysis and preliminary findings, if available. Importantly, groups are expected to provide a detailed explanation of the project outcomes (e.g. brochures, seminars) in consistent with the obtained data. In others words, how the elements of the outcome products are developed using obtained data should be explained in detail.

**Discussion**: The Discussion section should focus on the contributions and implications of the current projects. You are also expected to provide application based suggestions for further projects targeting the specific population that you have worked with.

**NOTE:** Project topics might include but are not limited to the suggested psychosocial problems stated in this form.