

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Adam Buben
Title of clinic:	Existentialism and the Desirability of Immortality
Number of students:	1-2
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	-
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	No first-year students; must have an excellent grasp of English grammar and spelling; university philosophy background beyond <i>History of Philosophy</i> will be a plus.

Research context

I am looking for one very capable and responsible student (if there was a second very talented and motivated applicant, I might consider adding a second student) to help with revisions and various editorial tasks (e.g. proofreading, quote-checking, indexing) on my new book manuscript. The project deals with philosophical arguments about the desirability/meaningfulness/value of indefinitely extended and/or immortal lives. The student will have to become familiar with numerous books and articles from the contemporary desirability debate and the existentialist tradition.

Please specify the tasks and activities, timeline, the learning aims and how they are assessed, i.e. what the deliverables will be.

In addition to reading relevant texts and producing a final paper, the selected student will assist me in revising, proofreading, quote-checking, indexing, and other editorial tasks as the book nears publication. The timeline will be largely dictated by the publisher's schedule, but it is likely that the various editorial tasks will be completed by June 2022. Just to be clear, this research clinic will span blocks 3 and 4. However, I am open to extending the research clinic through the summer, if necessary, in order to complete the editorial tasks or to allow more time for the student to complete the final paper. This RC aims to investigate philosophical ideas about the desirability of immortality by drawing upon important texts from both the history of philosophy and contemporary scholarship. After completing the RC, the student will have a good understanding of some of the major arguments in contemporary philosophy of death as well as attitudes about death and immortality throughout the history of philosophy. The student will be able to formulate their own rational position on the desirability of immortality and express this position clearly in written form.