**Australian Temperament Project Data Use Agreement**

**Study Description**

The **Australian Temperament Project (ATP)** is one of the longest running studies of social and emotional development in Australia and New Zealand. The initial study sample comprised 2443 families from urban and rural areas of the state of Victoria. Parents (Generation 1) and their offspring (Generation 2) have since been followed over 3 decades (16 waves) from 4-8 months into the 30s. Data has predominantly been collected via mail surveys, although study members have been given the additional option of completing the survey online in recent waves. Approximately two-thirds of the families are still participating after almost 40 years.

Broad measurement domains in childhood (Waves 1-9) include temperament and behaviour, parenting style and the parent-child bond, carer arrangements and school transitions. In adolescence the focus moved to mental and behavioural disorders, pubertal development, physical health, sexual and reproductive health, drug use, and positive development (including civic action, social capital, life satisfaction and attachment security). DNA was collected in this phase too. In adulthood the focus moved to social and education transitions; one of the more significant transitions being that to parenthood.

The **ATP Generation 3 Study** builds on the foundations of the ATP by following over 1000 cohort offspring (Generation 3) from late pregnancy to middle childhood. The study assesses parental emotional health, the parent-child relationship (including observational assessments of infant attachment and parental caregiving behaviour), and offspring social and emotional development. The study has also been set-up to study biological (epigenetic) processes linking generations.

Gestational assessments occurred at 28-32 weeks into the pregnancy and included detailed measurement of maternal mental health and wellbeing, social support, economic and other life stressors, relationship with partner and broader family, and expectations about the pregnancy and new baby. Postpartum assessments occurred at 8-weeks and 1 year postpartum and focused on infant social and emotional development, the parent-child relationship, the quality of the family social network, and significant life stressors. Birth data on infant weight and age, method of delivery and complications, and maternal physical and mental health are being collected via linkage to the Victorian Perinatal Data Collection Unit (State Government records collected at the time of birth). Follow-ups in early and middle childhood are also underway.

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**Data Use Agreement**

This data use agreement applies to the approved research project:

Lead investigator:

Organisation:

This project has been granted ethics approval from:

Data is supplied only for the purposes of this project as approved by the ATP Publication Management team. The identity and content of data will remain under the scientific control of the Australian Temperament Project (ATP). The ATP reserves the right to withdraw data access if any aspect of this agreement is violated, or where research integrity issues arise.

**Data Access**

Access to coded data will be provided by the ATP Data Management team on behalf of the ATP investigators. Only de-identified data will be provided. Data should not be given to a third party. Data must only be stored on secure institutional managed servers (including on-site or cloud-based). Data must not be stored on personal desktops, laptops, external drives, or cloud-based services.

The data user should check data provided for data quality and inform the ATP data management team of any issues. Do not assume that data is in a final format.

**Publishing**

All publication of findings and results from this project must acknowledge that data were provided by the Australian Temperament Project. Additionally, at least one ATP investigator will be named as a co-author / given the opportunity to contribute to the publication as agreed between the project and the ATP investigator team. As per authorship guidelines, all authors must approve final manuscript before submission.

**Project Completion**

At the completion of the project, all data used and generated for this project (e.g., data files, output log files) and the related code/syntax will be returned to the ATP Data Management Group via Christopher Greenwood ([christopher.greenwood@deakin.edu.au](mailto:christopher.greenwood@deakin.edu.au)). It is expected that code/syntax will be made available via open science services (e.g., <https://osf.io/>). Data is to be deleted following project completion.

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