

## Special Issue

# Substance Misuse and Mental Health Among Young Adults

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue of *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* seeks contributions that explore the interplay between substance use (e.g., alcohol, cannabis, prescription misuse, polysubstance use) and mental health (e.g., depression, anxiety, suicidality) among young adults aged 18–29. We welcome original research, systematic reviews, and intervention studies, particularly those that highlight prevention, harm reduction, community-based participatory research, or the role of social determinants of health. Our aim is to advance our understanding of this topic and promote effective, evidence-based approaches that support the wellbeing of young adults across various populations and contexts.

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