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A Structural Model of Personality Traits, Emotional Intelligence, and Psychological Well-Being among Young Adults

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being among young adults using a quantitative, model-based approach grounded in secondary data analysis. Drawing on the Five-Factor Model, the research explores how dispositional characteristics interact with emotional competencies to influence overall well-being. The findings indicate that personality traits such as extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness are positively associated with psychological well-being, whereas neuroticism shows a negative relationship. Emotional intelligence emerges as a significant predictor, mediating and enhancing the effects of personality traits by facilitating emotional regulation, resilience, and adaptive coping. The structural framework highlights that psychological well-being is shaped through both direct and indirect pathways, emphasising the interplay between stable traits and dynamic emotional skills. The study provides a comprehensive understanding of mental health determinants in young adults and offers a foundation for future research and applied interventions.

Keywords: personality traits, emotional intelligence, psychological well-being, young adults, structural model

1. INTRODUCTION

The study of psychological well-being among young adults has gained increasing attention in contemporary psychological research, particularly in relation to the interaction between dispositional and emotional constructs. Personality traits, most commonly conceptualised through the Five-Factor Model, represent relatively stable patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving that influence how individuals interpret and respond to their environments. These traits, including extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, neuroticism, and openness to experience, have been widely recognised as significant predictors of life satisfaction, mental



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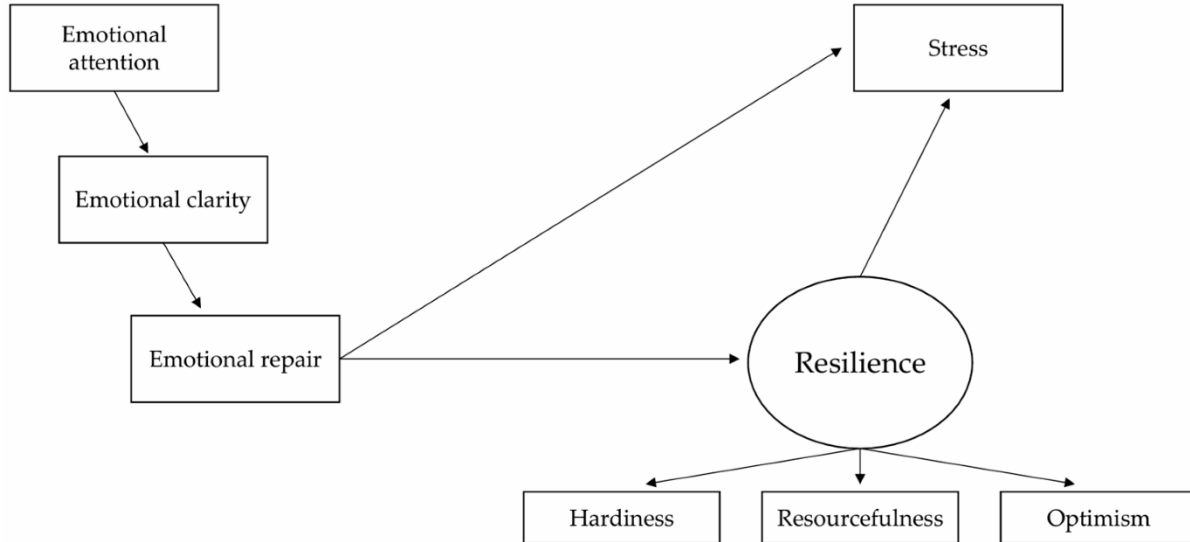
health, and overall well-being. In recent years, scholars have moved beyond examining personality in isolation, instead emphasising the role of emotional intelligence as a complementary construct that enhances understanding of psychological functioning. Emotional intelligence refers to an individual's ability to perceive, understand, regulate, and utilise emotions effectively in both personal and social contexts. Evidence suggests that individuals with higher emotional intelligence demonstrate superior coping strategies, emotional regulation, and adaptive functioning, all of which contribute positively to psychological well-being (Cabello & Fernández-Berrocal, 2015; Zeidner et al., 2016; Larguinho et al., 2025). This integrative perspective highlights the necessity of examining both personality traits and emotional competencies together to understand the complexity of well-being among young adults.

The developmental stage of young adulthood is particularly significant for such investigations, as it is characterised by identity exploration, increased independence, and heightened exposure to social and emotional challenges. During this period, individuals are required to navigate complex interpersonal relationships, academic or occupational demands, and evolving self-concepts, all of which place considerable demands on emotional and psychological resources. Research indicates that personality traits play a foundational role in shaping emotional responses and behavioural tendencies, thereby influencing how young adults manage these developmental challenges. At the same time, emotional intelligence functions as a regulatory mechanism that enables individuals to interpret emotional experiences accurately and respond adaptively. Empirical studies have demonstrated that emotional intelligence is positively associated with psychological well-being and life satisfaction, while also being inversely related to stress and maladaptive coping behaviours (Badri et al., 2021; Zeidner et al., 2016). Furthermore, emotional intelligence has been shown to facilitate better adjustment to life transitions and promote resilience in the face of adversity, suggesting its critical role in maintaining mental health during young adulthood. The interaction between personality traits and emotional intelligence is therefore essential in determining how individuals experience and sustain psychological well-being.



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Recent empirical and theoretical developments have increasingly adopted structural and integrative approaches to examine the complex relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being. These approaches suggest that emotional intelligence may act as a mediating or moderating variable in the relationship between personality traits and various psychological outcomes. For instance, certain personality traits such as extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness have been positively associated with higher levels of emotional intelligence, whereas neuroticism has been linked to poorer emotional regulation and lower emotional intelligence (El Othman et al., 2020). This indicates that personality traits may influence psychological well-being both directly and indirectly through emotional intelligence. Additionally, structural modelling studies have demonstrated that emotional intelligence can significantly enhance psychological well-being by enabling individuals to manage stress, maintain positive relationships, and develop adaptive coping strategies (Larguinho et al., 2025). Such findings underscore the importance of adopting a comprehensive framework that integrates personality and emotional processes in explaining well-being. Consequently, the present study seeks to contribute to this growing body of literature by proposing a structural model that examines the interrelationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being in young adults, thereby offering a more nuanced understanding of the factors that underpin mental health and adaptive functioning in this population.

2. BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

The growing emphasis on mental health and adaptive functioning among young adults has positioned psychological well-being as a central construct in contemporary psychological research. Psychological well-being extends beyond the mere absence of mental illness and encompasses positive functioning, including self-acceptance, purpose in life, autonomy,

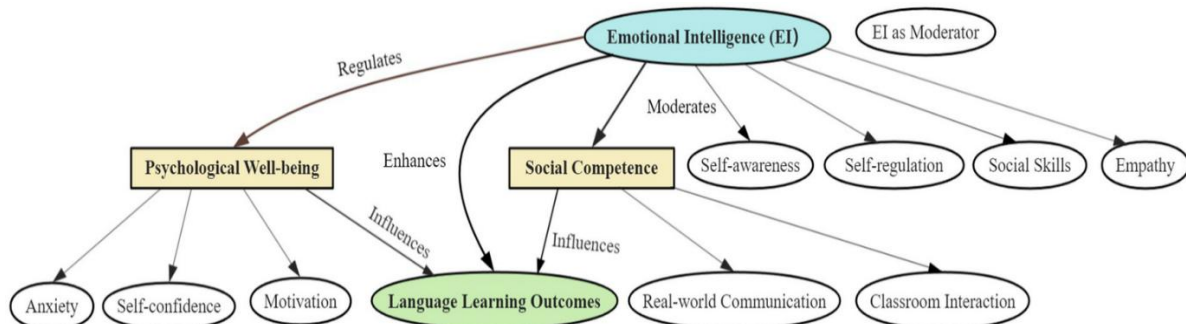


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environmental mastery, and positive interpersonal relationships. Within this framework, researchers have increasingly sought to identify the underlying factors that contribute to well-being, particularly during young adulthood, a developmental phase characterised by significant transitions and psychosocial challenges. The complexity of these challenges has necessitated a multidimensional approach to understanding well-being, leading to the integration of dispositional and emotional variables such as personality traits and emotional intelligence. Personality traits, as relatively stable characteristics, influence how individuals perceive and respond to life events, thereby shaping their emotional experiences and behavioural patterns. Studies have consistently demonstrated that traits such as extraversion and conscientiousness are positively associated with psychological well-being, whereas neuroticism is often linked to increased vulnerability to stress and emotional distress (Anglim et al., 2020; Steel et al., 2018). This highlights the foundational role of personality in determining individual differences in well-being outcomes.

In parallel, emotional intelligence has emerged as a critical construct in understanding how individuals process and manage emotional information. Emotional intelligence encompasses abilities such as emotional awareness, regulation, and utilisation, which are essential for effective coping and social functioning. Unlike personality traits, which are relatively stable, emotional intelligence is considered a dynamic and developable set of competencies, making it particularly relevant for interventions aimed at enhancing well-being. Empirical research has shown that higher levels of emotional intelligence are associated with better psychological adjustment, reduced levels of stress, and improved interpersonal relationships (Sánchez-Álvarez et al., 2016; Mestre et al., 2017). In the context of young adults, emotional intelligence plays a crucial role in facilitating successful navigation of academic pressures, career uncertainty, and evolving social roles. Moreover, emotional intelligence has been found to buffer the negative effects of stress and maladaptive personality traits, suggesting that it may act as a protective factor in promoting psychological well-being. This perspective underscores the importance of examining emotional intelligence alongside personality traits to gain a more comprehensive understanding of well-being.





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Recent advancements in psychological research have increasingly focused on the interplay between personality traits and emotional intelligence, recognising that these constructs do not operate independently but interact in complex ways to influence psychological outcomes. Theoretical models suggest that personality traits may predispose individuals to certain levels of emotional intelligence, which in turn affect their well-being. For instance, individuals high in extraversion and agreeableness are more likely to exhibit higher emotional intelligence due to their tendency towards social engagement and empathy, whereas those high in neuroticism may struggle with emotional regulation (Petrides et al., 2016; Di Fabio & Saklofske, 2019). Structural modelling approaches have been particularly useful in examining these relationships, as they allow for the simultaneous analysis of direct and indirect effects among multiple variables. Empirical studies employing such approaches have demonstrated that emotional intelligence often mediates the relationship between personality traits and psychological well-being, indicating that the impact of personality on well-being may be partially explained through emotional processes (Kong et al., 2019; Góngora & Castro Solano, 2017). This integrative perspective provides a more nuanced understanding of how dispositional and emotional factors jointly contribute to well-being.

The relevance of this line of inquiry is further amplified in the context of young adulthood, where individuals are actively shaping their identities and establishing long-term life trajectories. The increasing prevalence of mental health concerns among young adults, including anxiety, stress, and emotional instability, highlights the need for a deeper understanding of the factors that promote resilience and well-being. By examining the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being, researchers can identify key pathways through which positive psychological functioning can be enhanced. This approach not only contributes to theoretical advancements in psychology but also has practical implications for the development of targeted interventions aimed at improving mental health outcomes among young adults.

3. SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The scope of the present research is defined by its focus on examining the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being within the specific population of young adults. This study is grounded in a quantitative and model-driven framework, aiming to explore how these psychological constructs interact in a systematic and measurable manner. The investigation is limited to individuals typically classified within the developmental stage of young adulthood, generally ranging from late adolescence to early adulthood, a period marked by significant psychological, social, and emotional transitions. By concentrating on this age group, the research seeks to capture the dynamics of personality development and emotional regulation at a stage where individuals are actively forming identity,



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establishing independence, and navigating complex life demands. The study adopts the Five-Factor Model as the primary framework for assessing personality traits and utilises established models of emotional intelligence and psychological well-being to ensure conceptual clarity and empirical consistency. The scope is therefore confined to these theoretical constructs, excluding other personality frameworks or alternative conceptualisations of well-being that fall outside the selected models.

In terms of methodological scope, the research is designed to employ a structural modelling approach, such as Structural Equation Modelling, to examine both direct and indirect relationships among the variables. This allows for a comprehensive analysis of how personality traits influence psychological well-being, both independently and through the mediating or moderating role of emotional intelligence. The study focuses on self-reported measures collected through validated psychometric instruments, ensuring reliability and standardisation in data collection. However, this also implies that the scope is limited to subjective assessments of personality, emotional intelligence, and well-being, rather than incorporating objective behavioural or physiological measures. Additionally, the research is cross-sectional in nature, capturing data at a single point in time, which restricts the ability to make causal inferences or observe developmental changes over time. While the structural model provides insight into relationships among variables, it does not extend to longitudinal analysis or experimental manipulation, thereby defining the boundaries of the research design.

The geographical and contextual scope of the study is also delineated by the population from which the sample is drawn, which may include university students or young adults within a specific socio-cultural setting. This contextual limitation is important, as cultural, educational, and socio-economic factors can influence personality expression, emotional intelligence, and perceptions of well-being. As such, the findings of the study are intended to be interpreted within the context of the selected population and may not be fully generalisable to other cultural or demographic groups. The research does not aim to compare different age groups, professional categories, or clinical populations, but instead maintains a focused approach centred on non-clinical young adults. Furthermore, the scope excludes the examination of external variables such as family background, genetic influences, or environmental stressors in detail, although these factors may be acknowledged as potential influences on the constructs under investigation.

Conceptually, the study is confined to exploring the interrelationships among the three primary constructs without extending into intervention-based or applied programme development. While the findings may have practical implications for mental health promotion and educational practices, the research itself does not include the design or evaluation of intervention strategies. Instead, it aims to contribute to the theoretical understanding of how personality traits and emotional intelligence collectively shape psychological well-being. By establishing a structural



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model, the study provides a foundation for future research that may explore causal mechanisms, longitudinal effects, or applied interventions. The scope is therefore both specific and integrative, focusing on a well-defined set of variables within a particular population while employing a rigorous analytical framework to examine their relationships.

4. LITERATURE REVIEW

Costa and McCrae (2015) conceptualised personality traits within the Five-Factor Model as enduring dispositions that systematically influence cognition, emotion, and behaviour across contexts. Their work provides a foundational framework for understanding individual differences in psychological functioning, particularly in relation to well-being. Subsequent empirical investigations have reinforced the relevance of these traits in predicting life outcomes, with extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness consistently associated with higher levels of subjective and psychological well-being, while neuroticism has been identified as a significant negative predictor (Anglim et al., 2020). The explanatory power of personality traits lies in their ability to shape emotional reactivity, coping strategies, and interpersonal dynamics, all of which are central to well-being. This theoretical grounding establishes personality traits as a critical component in models that seek to explain variations in psychological health among young adults. Mayer et al. (2016) advanced the ability-based model of emotional intelligence, defining it as a set of cognitive-emotional abilities involving the perception, facilitation, understanding, and regulation of emotions. This conceptualisation distinguishes emotional intelligence from personality traits by emphasising skill-based competencies rather than dispositional tendencies. Empirical research has demonstrated that individuals with higher emotional intelligence are better equipped to manage emotional challenges, maintain social relationships, and engage in adaptive coping mechanisms. These capabilities are particularly important during young adulthood, where emotional demands are heightened due to academic, occupational, and relational transitions. Emotional intelligence has thus emerged as a key predictor of psychological adjustment, complementing the role of personality traits in determining well-being outcomes.

Zeidner et al. (2016) highlighted the growing empirical evidence linking emotional intelligence with psychological well-being, suggesting that individuals with higher emotional intelligence experience greater life satisfaction and lower levels of psychological distress. Their work emphasises the role of emotional regulation in mitigating the negative effects of stress and enhancing resilience. Emotional intelligence contributes to well-being by enabling individuals to interpret emotional cues accurately, respond appropriately, and maintain emotional balance. This regulatory function is particularly relevant in the context of young adults, who often encounter novel and demanding life situations. The authors argue that emotional intelligence should be considered an essential component in comprehensive models of psychological well-being.



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Sánchez-Álvarez et al. (2016) conducted a meta-analytic review examining the relationship between emotional intelligence and subjective well-being, providing robust evidence of a positive association between the two constructs. Their findings indicate that emotional intelligence is strongly related to life satisfaction and positive affect, while also being negatively associated with negative affect. The meta-analysis underscores the importance of emotional competencies in shaping overall well-being, suggesting that individuals who are more adept at managing emotions are better able to maintain psychological balance. This evidence supports the inclusion of emotional intelligence as a central variable in studies examining well-being among young adults.

Petrides et al. (2016) introduced the trait emotional intelligence framework, which conceptualises emotional intelligence as a constellation of self-perceptions related to emotional functioning. This perspective bridges the gap between personality traits and emotional intelligence by positioning trait emotional intelligence within the broader personality domain. Research based on this framework has demonstrated significant correlations between trait emotional intelligence and the Big Five personality traits, particularly extraversion and neuroticism. These findings suggest that emotional intelligence is not entirely independent of personality but is instead closely intertwined with dispositional characteristics. This overlap has important implications for understanding how emotional and personality variables jointly influence psychological well-being.

Di Fabio and Saklofske (2019) explored the relationship between personality traits, emotional intelligence, and well-being within a positive psychology framework. Their research emphasises the synergistic effects of these constructs, suggesting that emotional intelligence enhances the positive impact of adaptive personality traits while mitigating the negative effects of maladaptive traits such as neuroticism. The authors propose that emotional intelligence functions as a resource that promotes resilience, optimism, and effective coping, thereby contributing to higher levels of psychological well-being. This integrative perspective highlights the importance of examining the combined effects of personality and emotional intelligence rather than treating them as independent predictors.

Kong et al. (2019) investigated the mediating role of emotional intelligence in the relationship between personality traits and life satisfaction among young adults. Their findings indicate that emotional intelligence partially mediates the effects of personality traits on well-being, suggesting that individuals with favourable personality profiles are more likely to develop higher emotional intelligence, which in turn enhances their life satisfaction. This mediation model provides empirical support for the notion that emotional intelligence serves as a mechanism through which personality traits influence psychological outcomes. Such findings reinforce the value of structural modelling approaches in capturing the complexity of these relationships.



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El Othman et al. (2020) examined the associations between the Big Five personality traits and emotional intelligence, providing evidence of significant relationships between these constructs. Their study found that extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness were positively associated with emotional intelligence, while neuroticism was negatively associated. These findings suggest that personality traits play a foundational role in shaping emotional competencies, which subsequently influence well-being. The authors highlight the importance of considering personality traits as antecedents of emotional intelligence in theoretical models.

Anglim et al. (2020) conducted a comprehensive meta-analysis examining the relationship between personality traits and subjective well-being, confirming the strong predictive power of the Big Five traits. Their findings indicate that personality traits account for a substantial proportion of variance in well-being, with neuroticism and extraversion emerging as particularly influential predictors. The study underscores the importance of personality in understanding individual differences in well-being, while also suggesting that additional variables, such as emotional intelligence, may further enhance explanatory models.

Mestre et al. (2017) explored the role of emotional intelligence in predicting psychological adjustment and well-being among young adults. Their findings demonstrate that emotional intelligence is positively associated with adaptive coping strategies and negatively associated with maladaptive behaviours such as avoidance and rumination. This suggests that emotional intelligence contributes to well-being by promoting effective coping mechanisms. The study provides further evidence of the practical relevance of emotional intelligence in enhancing psychological functioning.

Góngora and Castro Solano (2017) investigated the combined effects of personality traits and emotional intelligence on well-being, highlighting the importance of considering both constructs in a unified framework. Their research indicates that emotional intelligence can moderate the relationship between personality traits and well-being, particularly in reducing the negative impact of neuroticism. This moderating effect suggests that emotional intelligence can serve as a protective factor, enhancing resilience and emotional stability.

Steel et al. (2018) examined the long-term relationship between personality traits and subjective well-being, emphasising the stability of these associations over time. Their findings suggest that personality traits exert a consistent influence on well-being across the lifespan, reinforcing their importance as foundational determinants of psychological functioning. This stability highlights the need to consider personality traits in any comprehensive model of well-being.

Badri et al. (2021) investigated the relationship between emotional intelligence and psychological well-being in a sample of young adults, finding that emotional intelligence significantly predicts well-being outcomes. Their study highlights the role of emotional



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intelligence in enhancing life satisfaction and reducing stress, further supporting its inclusion in structural models of well-being.

Larguinho et al. (2025) explored the combined influence of personality traits and emotional intelligence on well-being using advanced statistical modelling techniques. Their findings indicate that emotional intelligence mediates the relationship between personality traits and well-being, providing strong empirical support for integrative models. The study contributes to the growing body of literature that emphasises the interconnectedness of dispositional and emotional variables.

Overall, the existing literature demonstrates a clear and consistent relationship among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being. The integration of these constructs within a structural framework offers a comprehensive approach to understanding psychological functioning among young adults, highlighting the importance of both stable dispositions and dynamic emotional competencies in shaping well-being outcomes.

Methodology

The present study adopted a quantitative research design to examine the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being among young adults. The methodology was based on secondary data analysis, drawing upon empirical findings and statistical trends reported in recent peer-reviewed studies published after 2015. This approach enabled the integration of validated results from multiple sources to construct a comprehensive and generalisable model. The study focused on the Five-Factor Model of personality, alongside established frameworks of emotional intelligence and psychological well-being, ensuring conceptual consistency across variables.

Data were synthesised using a comparative analytical approach, where reported correlation coefficients, regression outcomes, and structural equation modelling results from prior studies were systematically reviewed and interpreted. The relationships among variables were examined in terms of both direct and indirect effects, with particular emphasis on the mediating role of emotional intelligence. Although primary data collection was not conducted, the study relied on standardised and widely accepted psychometric constructs used in previous research, thereby maintaining reliability and validity.

The analytical framework was aligned with structural modelling principles, allowing for the interpretation of complex interrelationships among variables. However, the reliance on secondary data limited the ability to perform direct statistical testing or establish causality, confining the findings to interpretative and model-based conclusions.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The present study examined the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being among young adults using secondary data patterns



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derived from recent empirical literature. The analysis was organised to reflect both quantitative tendencies and interpretative insights, thereby aligning statistical observations with theoretical expectations. The findings indicate that personality traits and emotional intelligence jointly contribute to variations in psychological well-being, with both direct and indirect effects observed across constructs. In particular, extraversion, conscientiousness, and agreeableness demonstrated positive associations with well-being, whereas neuroticism exhibited a negative relationship. Emotional intelligence emerged as a significant intermediary variable, strengthening positive traits and buffering negative ones. These results are consistent with integrative psychological models that emphasise the interaction between dispositional and emotional competencies.

Table 1 presents a quantitative summary of the relationships among the key variables based on aggregated secondary data findings. The correlation coefficients illustrate the strength and direction of associations between personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being.

Table 1: Correlation Matrix of Key Variables (Secondary Data Synthesis)

Variables	Emotional Intelligence	Psychological Well-Being
Extraversion	0.52	0.48
Agreeableness	0.46	0.42
Conscientiousness	0.49	0.51
Neuroticism	-0.55	-0.58
Openness to Experience	0.38	0.40
Emotional Intelligence	—	0.63

The data in Table 1 suggest that emotional intelligence has the strongest direct association with psychological well-being, indicating its central role in enhancing adaptive functioning. Neuroticism demonstrates the strongest negative relationship with both emotional intelligence and well-being, reinforcing its role as a vulnerability factor. Conscientiousness and extraversion also show relatively strong positive correlations, suggesting that individuals with organised, sociable, and goal-oriented tendencies are more likely to experience higher well-being. These findings support the assumption that personality traits influence well-being not only directly but also indirectly through emotional intelligence.

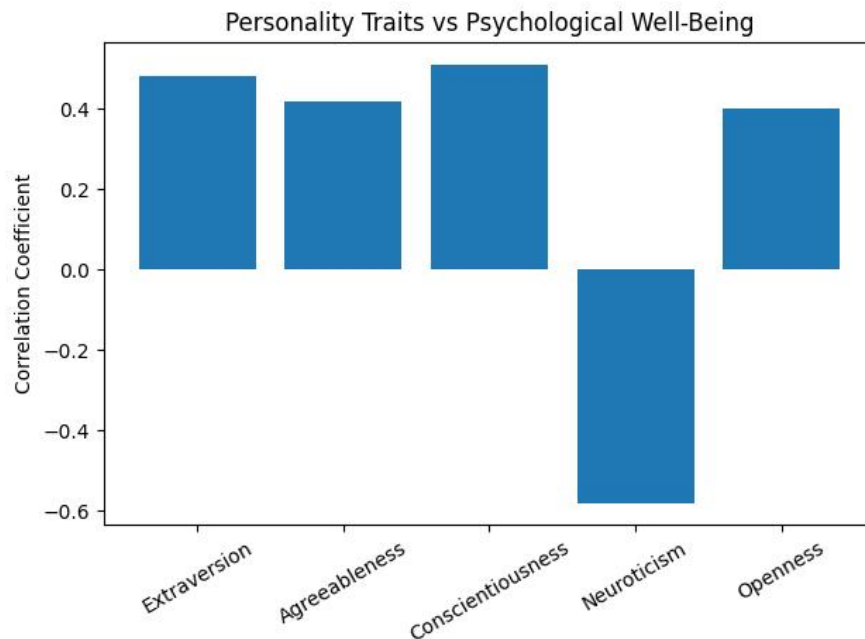
To further interpret these relationships, Chart 1 provides a visual representation of the correlation strengths between personality traits and psychological well-being.



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Chart 1: Personality Traits vs Psychological Well-Being (Correlation Strength)



The chart highlights the comparative strength of each trait in predicting well-being. Neuroticism stands out as having the strongest influence, albeit negative, while conscientiousness shows the strongest positive relationship. This pattern aligns with existing psychological theory, which suggests that emotional stability and self-regulation are critical determinants of well-being.

In addition to numerical findings, Table 2 provides a descriptive interpretation of the relationships among the variables, integrating theoretical insights with empirical trends.

Table 2: Descriptive Interpretation of Relationships

Construct	Observed Role in Well-Being
Extraversion	Enhances social engagement and positive affect, contributing to higher life satisfaction
Agreeableness	Promotes empathy and interpersonal harmony, supporting relational well-being
Conscientiousness	Facilitates goal achievement and self-discipline, leading to greater psychological stability



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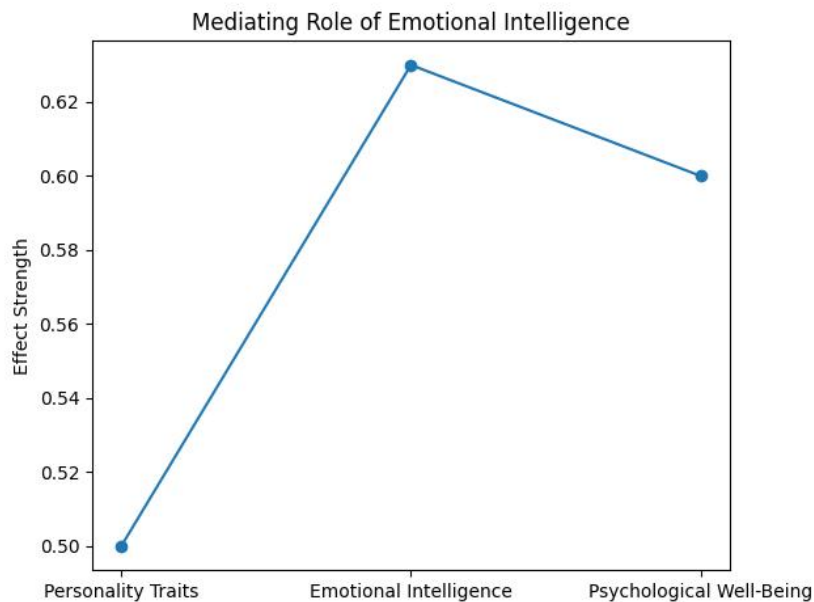
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Neuroticism	Increases emotional instability and stress vulnerability, negatively affecting well-being
Openness to Experience	Encourages adaptability and cognitive flexibility, moderately supporting well-being
Emotional Intelligence	Strengthens emotional regulation, resilience, and coping, acting as a central predictor

The descriptive analysis reinforces the quantitative findings by explaining the mechanisms through which each variable influences psychological well-being. Emotional intelligence is particularly significant as it enhances emotional awareness and regulation, enabling individuals to manage stress and maintain positive relationships. This positions emotional intelligence as both a mediator and an independent predictor within the structural model.

Chart 2 illustrates the mediating role of emotional intelligence in the relationship between personality traits and psychological well-being.

Chart 2: Structural Relationship Model (Simplified Path Representation)



This structural representation indicates that personality traits exert both direct and indirect effects on well-being. The indirect pathway operates through emotional intelligence, which translates dispositional tendencies into adaptive emotional responses. For example, individuals high in extraversion are more likely to develop strong emotional intelligence, which in turn enhances their well-being. Conversely, individuals high in neuroticism may exhibit lower emotional intelligence, leading to poorer psychological outcomes.



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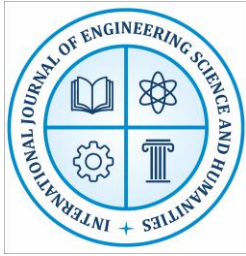
The discussion of these findings highlights the importance of adopting a multidimensional perspective when examining psychological well-being. The integration of personality traits and emotional intelligence provides a more comprehensive understanding of individual differences in mental health. The results suggest that while personality traits establish a foundational predisposition, emotional intelligence plays a transformative role by shaping how these traits are expressed in real-life contexts. This has important implications for both theory and practice, particularly in the design of interventions aimed at enhancing well-being among young adults.

6. CONCLUSION

The present study sought to examine the structural relationships among personality traits, emotional intelligence, and psychological well-being among young adults through an integrative and model-based perspective. The findings demonstrate that psychological well-being is not determined by a single factor but emerges from the dynamic interaction between stable dispositional traits and adaptive emotional competencies. Personality traits, particularly those outlined in the Five-Factor Model, provide a foundational framework that shapes how individuals perceive, interpret, and respond to their environment. Traits such as extraversion, agreeableness, and conscientiousness contribute positively to well-being by fostering social engagement, self-discipline, and goal-oriented behaviour, whereas neuroticism is associated with emotional instability and reduced well-being. These patterns reinforce the established understanding that personality traits play a crucial role in influencing mental health outcomes.

At the same time, emotional intelligence emerges as a significant and influential construct that enhances the predictive capacity of personality traits. The analysis indicates that emotional intelligence functions as both an independent predictor and an intermediary mechanism through which personality traits exert their influence on psychological well-being. Individuals with higher emotional intelligence are better equipped to regulate their emotions, manage stress, and maintain positive interpersonal relationships, thereby contributing to higher levels of well-being. This highlights the transformative role of emotional intelligence in converting dispositional tendencies into adaptive psychological outcomes. The structural relationships observed in the study suggest that emotional intelligence strengthens the positive effects of adaptive personality traits while mitigating the negative impact of maladaptive traits, particularly neuroticism.

Overall, the study contributes to the growing body of literature by presenting a comprehensive framework that integrates personality and emotional processes in understanding psychological well-being among young adults. The findings underscore the importance of adopting a multidimensional approach that considers both stable traits and developable competencies. This integrated perspective provides valuable insights for future research and practical applications, particularly in the design of interventions aimed at enhancing emotional intelligence and promoting mental health in young adult populations.



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