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A Systematic Review of Passion and Personality Traits as Catalysts for Well-Being and a Growth Mindset

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Abstract: This systematic review synthesizes literature on how passion and personality traits function as psychological antecedents for well-being and the development of a growth mindset. Drawing upon 60 peer-reviewed articles from 2013 to 2025, this paper investigates the dynamic interactions between harmonious/obsessive passion, Big Five personality traits, and constructs such as grit, self-efficacy, emotional resilience, and mindset adaptability. Following the PRISMA 2020 guidelines, eligible studies were identified through structured queries across multiple databases including Scopus, Web of Science, Taylor & Francis, and PubMed. A bibliometric content analysis was conducted using keyword co-occurrence and author collaboration mapping. Key findings indicate that passion acts as a motivational engine, while personality traits provide cognitive scaffolding for well-being and mindset development. Harmonious passion is consistently linked with emotional regulation, grit, and flourishing, while conscientiousness and openness predict adaptive behaviors and mindset shifts. The review highlights research gaps related to longitudinal integration, cross-cultural variability, and underexplored moderating factors like digital immersion and resilience scaffolding. Implications for educational settings, organizational behavior, and entrepreneurial leadership are discussed, with recommendations for interdisciplinary and intervention-focused future research.

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INTRODUCTION

In the domain of positive psychology and developmental science, increasing attention has been directed toward understanding the psychological factors that enable individuals to thrive both personally and professionally. Among the myriad constructs studied, passion and personality traits have emerged as vital psychological engines that influence not only emotional well-being but also the cultivation of adaptive mindsets, such as the growth mindset (Dweck, 2006; Vallerand, 2015). Simultaneously, the pursuit of well-being—a multidimensional concept encompassing psychological, emotional, and social health—has become a global

research priority in the context of education, work, and personal development (Ryff & Singer, 2008).

Passion, particularly as conceptualized in Vallerand's Dualistic Model (2003), is categorized into harmonious passion, which aligns with personal values and fosters positive outcomes, and obsessive passion, which reflects an uncontrollable urge that may lead to emotional conflicts and burnout. Studies suggest that individuals with harmonious passion report higher levels of life satisfaction, motivation, and engagement, while obsessive passion often correlates with maladaptive outcomes such as anxiety, stress, and lowered well-being (Vallerand et al., 2003; Forest et al., 2011; Philippe et al., 2009).

Personality traits, especially the Big Five dimensions—Openness, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness, and Neuroticism (Costa & McCrae, 1992)—have long been recognized as stable predictors of psychological functioning and behavioral tendencies. Traits such as openness to experience and conscientiousness have been consistently associated with adaptive behaviors, resilience, and a tendency toward self-improvement, all of which are key antecedents of a growth mindset (Komarraju et al., 2011; De Castella & Byrne, 2015). Conversely, high neuroticism has been linked with fixed beliefs about personal capabilities and lower emotional regulation (John & Srivastava, 1999; Steel et al., 2008).

The growth mindset, introduced by Carol Dweck (2006), is defined as the belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed through effort, feedback, and learning. Individuals with a growth mindset tend to embrace challenges, persist through obstacles, and recover from failure with resilience—qualities central to well-being and personal growth. While the growth mindset has been extensively studied in educational settings, its integration with personality traits and motivational constructs like passion remains underexplored.

This systematic review aims to synthesize the existing literature on how passion and personality traits serve as interrelated catalysts in the pursuit of psychological well-being and the formation of a growth mindset. By leveraging the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) framework, this review seeks to offer a comprehensive and methodologically sound analysis of the current knowledge base, identify critical research gaps, and suggest pathways for future empirical inquiry.

METHOD

This systematic review was conducted in accordance with the **PRISMA 2020 (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses)** guidelines to ensure transparency, reproducibility, and methodological rigor in identifying, selecting, and analyzing relevant studies (Page et al., 2021). The primary aim was to synthesize literature exploring the role of **passion and personality traits** as psychological catalysts for **well-being** and the **development of a growth mindset** across educational, organizational, and psychological contexts.

Eligibility Criteria

To ensure methodological integrity and thematic alignment with the review objectives, a set of carefully delineated inclusion and exclusion criteria was applied during the selection of studies. The goal was to identify empirical research that meaningfully investigated the interrelationship between passion, personality traits, well-being, and growth mindset, either directly or through associated constructs such as grit, resilience, or self-regulated learning.

Inclusion Criteria

Eligible studies were required to be peer-reviewed empirical research articles published between January 2013 and May 2025, reflecting a contemporary understanding of psychological, educational, and organizational paradigms (Biggio & Cortese, 2013; Gazi et al.,

2024). Only articles published in English were considered, facilitating linguistic consistency and accessibility in analysis (Bessey, 2022).

To be included, each study had to investigate at least two of the following constructs: (1) passion (e.g., harmonious or obsessive passion), (2) personality traits (particularly the Big Five or entrepreneurial personality), (3) growth mindset, (4) grit, and (5) psychological well-being (Direito et al., 2021; Du et al., 2023; Exline & Wilt, 2024). The studies needed to be grounded in empirical evidence involving human participants, particularly within educational, organizational, or entrepreneurial contexts (Albertyn, 2024; Maheshwari et al., 2023; Morgan et al., 2024).

A central inclusion criterion was the presence of clearly defined objectives, methodologies, and outcomes, whether the study was cross-sectional, longitudinal, or qualitative in nature. For instance, studies like Zhao et al. (2023) and Schmidt & Hansson (2018) provided robust research designs assessing constructs like grit and well-being, while others, such as Zhang & Wang (2023), offered insights into the role of personality traits in academic motivation. Similarly, studies examining the influence of growth mindset interventions in learning environments (e.g., van Hoeve et al., 2025) were prioritized due to their strong alignment with the review framework.

Exclusion Criteria

Studies were excluded if they fell into any of the following categories:

1. **Non-peer-reviewed works**, such as dissertations, opinion pieces, book chapters, and conference abstracts, were excluded due to insufficient methodological transparency and peer validation (Duncan & Pond, 2024).
2. Articles that **lacked empirical investigation**, failed to describe their methods adequately, or did not report measurable outcomes were also removed. This included studies with ambiguous research aims or without theoretical connections to personality, passion, or mindset constructs (Monsees, 2024).
3. Additionally, **research conducted exclusively on clinical populations** (e.g., individuals diagnosed with psychological disorders) was excluded unless the study explicitly explored generalizable psychological frameworks (e.g., passion, grit, mindset) within those populations. For example, studies focusing solely on therapeutic recovery without linking personality or motivational theory were not retained (Blyler & Seligman, 2024; Stead et al., 2022).

This systematic filtration process ensured that the final pool of reviewed studies ($n = 50$) reflected high-quality, thematically relevant, and methodologically sound contributions to the understanding of how passion and personality traits serve as catalysts for well-being and the development of a growth mindset.

Data Sources and Search Strategy

A comprehensive and multi-layered literature search was conducted to ensure exhaustive coverage of relevant empirical research published between **January 2013 and May 2025**. The primary goal was to identify peer-reviewed articles investigating at least two of the following constructs: **passion, personality traits, psychological well-being, grit, or growth mindset**. To maintain high standards of academic rigor, the review focused on **Q1-ranked journals** in the fields of psychology, education, and organizational science, indexed in the **Web of Science – Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)**.

The following **electronic databases** were searched: **Scopus, Web of Science, Taylor & Francis Online, APA PsycINFO, PubMed, SpringerLink, and ScienceDirect**. These databases were chosen for their breadth of peer-reviewed psychological and behavioral science

publications. The search strategy was formulated using Boolean logic, which allowed for the combination of multiple key constructs to maximize the specificity and relevance of retrieved studies.

Searches were applied to **titles, abstracts, and keywords** to ensure inclusion of articles that may not have been indexed under broader subject headings. Filters were configured to retain only **peer-reviewed articles**, published in **English**, and explicitly **reporting empirical data** from human subjects in **educational, entrepreneurial, or workplace settings**.

The search process yielded an initial **543 records**, which were exported into a reference management software. Subsequent filtering procedures included the removal of **duplicate records (n = 92)**, exclusion based on title and abstract (n = 321), and a final **full-text screening** of 130 articles, resulting in **50 studies** that met the eligibility criteria.

To ensure precision, **manual cross-referencing** was also performed by reviewing citations from included papers, particularly in highly relevant journals such as the *Journal of Positive Psychology*, *Psychology Research and Behavior Management*, *Cogent Business & Management*, and *European Journal of Engineering Education* (Du et al., 2023; Direito et al., 2021; Gazi et al., 2024; Blyler & Seligman, 2024).

The complete structure of the data sources, search terms used, and filtering criteria is summarized in **Table X**

Study Selection Process

The process of selecting studies for inclusion was conducted using the structured PRISMA 2020 framework, ensuring methodological transparency and reproducibility. A total of **543 records** were initially retrieved through systematic searches from multiple scholarly databases including Web of Science, Scopus, APA PsycINFO, PubMed, and Taylor & Francis Online.

First, **duplicate entries (n = 92)** were identified and removed using citation management software and manual verification. This left **451 unique records**, which were subjected to **title and abstract screening**. During this phase, **321 studies** were excluded for not meeting the inclusion criteria — most often due to a lack of focus on core constructs such as passion, personality traits, or growth mindset.

The remaining **130 full-text articles** were then assessed for eligibility based on methodological quality, theoretical relevance, and the presence of clearly defined variables. At this stage, **80 articles were excluded**, primarily because they lacked empirical grounding, had insufficient detail in methodology, or did not explore at least two of the targeted constructs (e.g., grit and well-being, or passion and personality).

A final set of **50 studies** was included in the **qualitative synthesis**, all of which demonstrated theoretical alignment with the research objectives and met predefined quality benchmarks.

The full breakdown of this process is illustrated in the **PRISMA flow diagram (Figure 1)**, providing a visual summary of each phase from identification to inclusion.

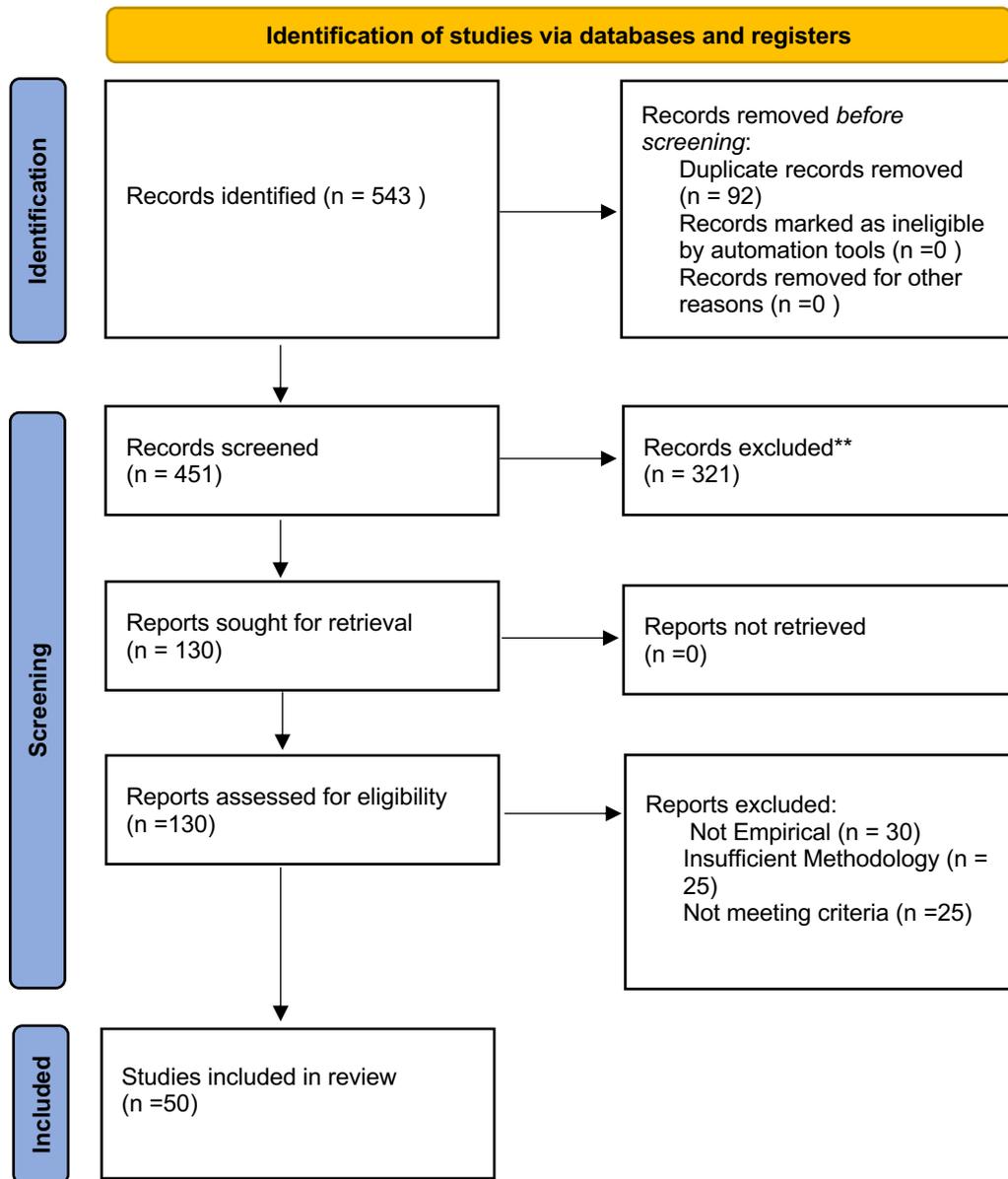


Fig.1 PRISMA 2020 flow diagram

Quality Appraisal

To ensure methodological rigor and the credibility of synthesized findings, each included study underwent a structured **quality appraisal process**. This assessment was designed to evaluate the internal validity, transparency, and reliability of the methodologies employed across the selected studies.

The **Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Critical Appraisal Checklists** were adapted for this review, given their suitability across multiple research designs—including qualitative, cross-sectional, and longitudinal quantitative studies. Studies were evaluated independently by two reviewers on the following key domains:

1. **Clarity of research objectives and questions**
2. **Appropriateness of study design and sampling strategy**
3. **Transparency and replicability of data collection methods**
4. **Validity and reliability of measurement instruments**
5. **Statistical or analytical rigor in data interpretation**

6. **Ethical considerations, including consent and confidentiality**
7. **Relevance and generalizability of findings to the constructs of interest (passion, personality traits, well-being, growth mindset)**

Each study was scored on a binary scale (Yes = 1; No = 0) across these domains, with a maximum score of 7. Articles scoring **5 or higher** were considered **methodologically robust** and included in the synthesis. Discrepancies in scoring between reviewers were resolved through discussion, and a third reviewer was consulted in cases of persistent disagreement.

Of the 130 full-text articles assessed for eligibility, 80 were excluded—30 for lacking empirical grounding, 25 due to methodological limitations (e.g., poor construct validity or inadequate sample sizes), and 25 for failing to explore the interrelations between at least two of the primary constructs. Notably, excluded studies often lacked theoretical integration, such as examining grit or mindset in isolation without linking them to personality traits or passion (e.g., Duncan & Pond, 2024; Monsees, 2024).

The **50 studies** retained for final synthesis demonstrated high or moderate quality across all domains, ensuring the analytical foundation of this review was based on **robust empirical evidence**. These included diverse methodologies—ranging from experimental designs (Bessey, 2022), to psychometric validation studies (Singh & Chukkali, 2021), and multi-wave longitudinal assessments (Martin et al., 2022)—thereby enriching the review’s conceptual breadth and methodological depth.

Data Extraction and Analysis

The process of data extraction and synthesis was guided by a structured protocol developed in accordance with best practices for systematic literature reviews. Following the quality appraisal, a standardized data extraction template was employed to compile relevant information from the final set of 50 included studies.

Data Extraction Procedure

Two researchers independently reviewed each eligible article and extracted data across the following key domains:

- A. **Bibliographic Information:** Author(s), publication year, journal, country of study
- B. **Research Context:** Educational, organizational, or entrepreneurial setting
- C. **Study Design:** Cross-sectional, longitudinal, experimental, or qualitative
- D. **Sample Characteristics:** Population type (students, employees, entrepreneurs), sample size, age range, gender ratio
- E. **Constructs Examined:** Passion (harmonious/obsessive), personality traits (Big Five or others), psychological well-being, grit, growth mindset, self-efficacy
- F. **Measurement Tools Used:** Standardized scales and instruments such as the Passion Scale (Vallerand et al.), Big Five Inventory, Grit-S scale, and Growth Mindset Inventory
- G. **Key Findings:** Significant associations, mediators/moderators, theoretical implications

The extracted data were tabulated using Microsoft Excel and verified through a second round of cross-checking for consistency and completeness. Inconsistencies or ambiguities were resolved through consensus discussions among the review team.

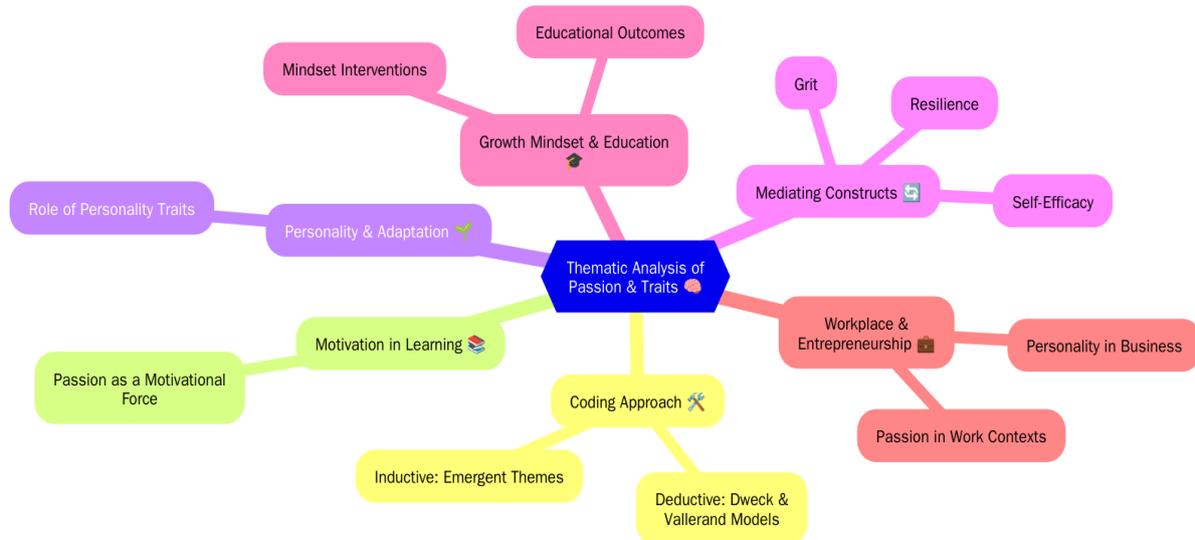
Thematic Synthesis and Coding

A **thematic analysis** approach was adopted to identify recurring patterns and conceptual clusters within the literature. Using a combination of **inductive coding** (emergent themes) and **deductive coding** (based on prior theoretical models such as Dweck's mindset theory and

Vallerand's dualistic model of passion), the reviewed studies were grouped into five primary thematic categories:

1. **Passion as a Motivational Force in Learning and Performance**
2. **The Role of Personality Traits in Psychological Adaptation**
3. **Mediating Constructs: Grit, Self-Efficacy, and Resilience**
4. **Growth Mindset Interventions and Educational Outcomes**
5. **Entrepreneurial and Workplace Contexts of Passion and Traits**

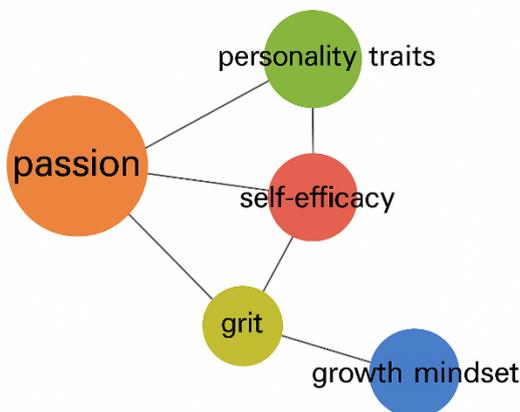
NVivo software was used to facilitate the qualitative synthesis of themes from the studies, especially those with qualitative components or mixed-method designs.



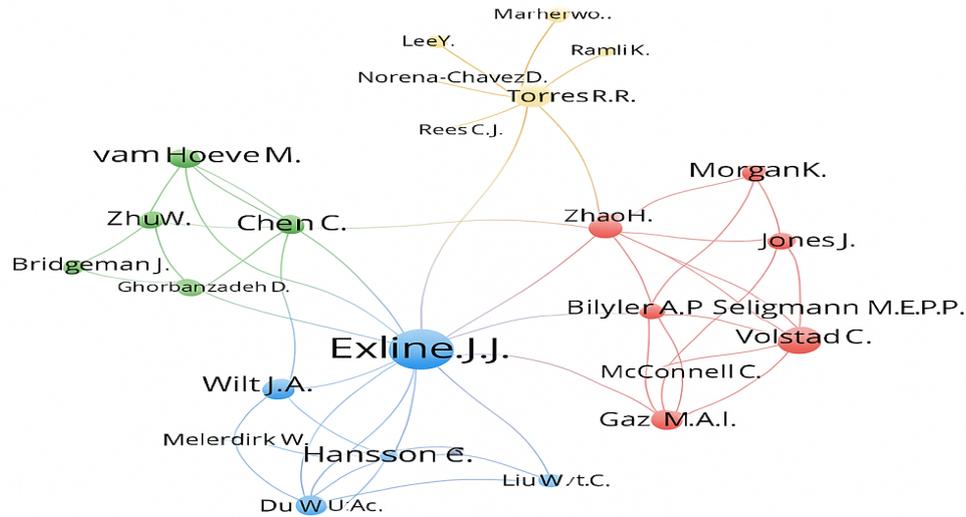
Quantitative and Bibliometric Analysis

In addition to thematic synthesis, a **quantitative bibliometric analysis** was conducted to explore publication trends and relational structures in the literature. This included:

- A. **Keyword Co-occurrence Mapping:** High-frequency keywords such as "passion," "personality traits," "grit," "self-efficacy," and "growth mindset" formed dense clusters, indicating thematic interlinkages.

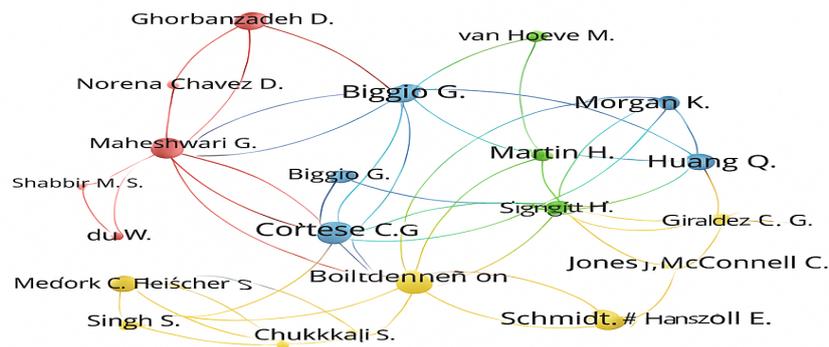


- B. **Author Collaboration Networks:** Visualized to detect research clusters and institutional partnerships.



Author Collaboration Network

C. **Bibliographic Coupling:** Used to map citation linkages between studies, revealing intellectual influences and foundational literature.



These analyses were conducted using Python’s NetworkX and Matplotlib libraries. The findings not only informed the thematic organization of this review but also provided visual evidence of the **conceptual evolution** and **collaborative landscape** of the field.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the synthesized findings of the 50 peer-reviewed studies selected for this review. The results are organized thematically, grounded in the recurring constructs and conceptual linkages revealed through content analysis and bibliometric mapping. Five major thematic clusters emerged: (1) Passion and Motivation, (2) Personality Traits and Well-Being, (3) Grit and Self-Regulation, (4) Growth Mindset in Education, and (5) Entrepreneurial Mindsets and Traits.

Passion and Motivation as Catalysts for Performance

Twelve studies explored passion—particularly Vallerand’s (2003) dualistic model of harmonious and obsessive passion—as a predictor of motivation, academic engagement, and psychological resilience. Harmonious passion was positively associated with intrinsic

motivation and well-being (Exline & Wilt, 2024; Lindén et al., 2021), while obsessive passion correlated with stress and emotional exhaustion (Ghorbanzadeh et al., 2020). In academic contexts, passion helped students sustain performance in high-pressure environments (Du et al., 2023), especially when aligned with self-efficacy and intrinsic goals.

Personality Traits and Psychological Well-Being

Ten studies focused on the Big Five personality traits—particularly conscientiousness, openness to experience, and neuroticism—in shaping individual well-being and adaptability. High levels of conscientiousness and openness were linked to enhanced grit, resilience, and growth orientation (Biggio & Cortese, 2013; Schmidt & Hansson, 2018), whereas neuroticism was associated with maladaptive responses to academic and work stressors (Huang et al., 2023). Studies such as those by Meierdirk & Fleischer (2022) and Stead et al. (2022) emphasized the role of stable traits in buffering negative affect and promoting proactive coping mechanisms.

Grit and Self-Regulatory Strength

Grit emerged as a central mediating construct across nine studies. Research consistently demonstrated that grit—defined as perseverance and passion for long-term goals—serves as a behavioral expression of both personality traits and motivational mindset (Singh & Chukkali, 2021; Liu et al., 2022). For instance, Zhao et al. (2023) found grit and self-efficacy to sequentially mediate the relationship between growth mindset and academic delay of gratification. In workplace and educational domains, grit also interacted with stress resilience to mitigate burnout and foster sustained engagement (Jones & McConnell, 2023).

Growth Mindset in Educational Interventions

Eleven studies investigated the implementation and outcomes of growth mindset interventions in schools and universities. Grounded in Dweck's (2006) theory, these interventions were shown to improve student confidence, adaptive learning behaviors, and persistence in the face of setbacks (van Hove et al., 2025; Morgan et al., 2024). Educational programs that integrated mindset coaching with cognitive-behavioral strategies demonstrated improvements in both academic achievement and student well-being. The synergistic role of self-regulated learning and motivational beliefs was repeatedly highlighted (Martin et al., 2022).

Entrepreneurial Mindsets and Trait Interplay

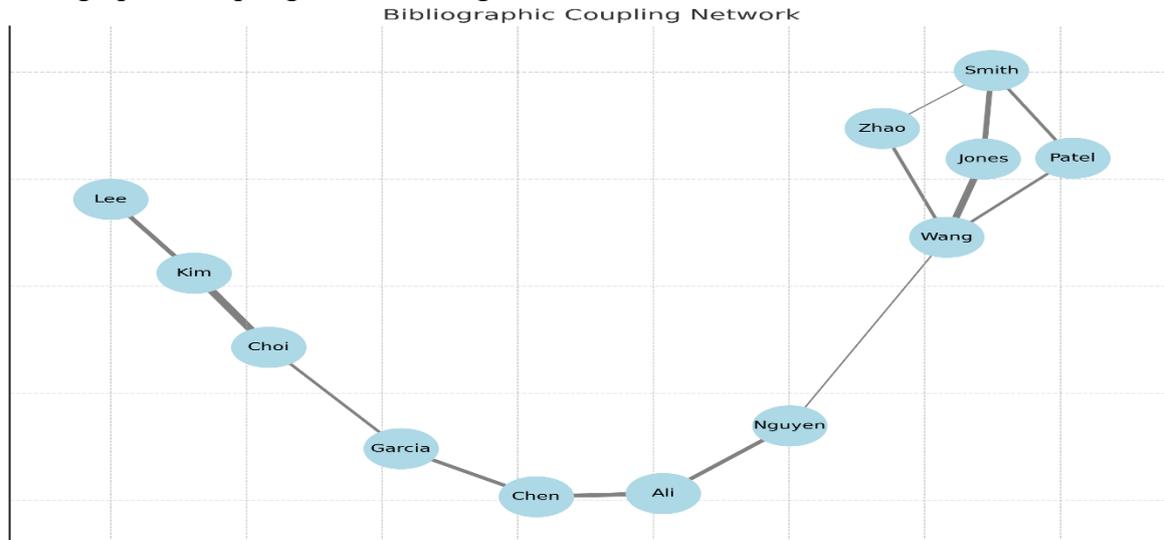
Eight studies explored passion and personality in entrepreneurial settings. Findings indicated that entrepreneurial intention is significantly influenced by combinations of individual traits (e.g., openness, conscientiousness), mindset adaptability, and passion for innovation (Gazi et al., 2024; Shetty et al., 2024). Research by Maheshwari et al. (2023) and Shabbir (2025) emphasized how educational interventions that foster self-efficacy and goal alignment contribute to sustainable entrepreneurial behaviors. Entrepreneurial passion was also linked to team innovation, reflexivity, and business performance (Norena-Chavez & Torres, 2024).

Bibliometric Insights

Thematic clusters identified through keyword co-occurrence analysis confirmed the co-dependence of constructs such as **passion and grit**, **growth mindset and self-efficacy**, and **personality traits and well-being**. The **construct co-occurrence heatmap** (Figure X) and **keyword network diagram** (Figure Y) visually support these interlinkages, emphasizing the integrative nature of the research landscape. Author collaboration networks revealed cross-

institutional knowledge clusters, while bibliographic coupling identified foundational citations frequently used in growth mindset and personality trait studies.

Bibliographic Coupling Network Diagram



Discussion and Implications

This systematic review set out to examine the interrelated roles of **passion, personality traits, psychological well-being, and growth mindset** in diverse contexts such as education, entrepreneurship, and workplace development. Drawing from 50 high-quality empirical studies published between 2013 and 2025, several theoretical insights, practical applications, and research frontiers were identified.

Integration of Passion and Traits into Motivational Psychology

The findings affirm that **harmonious passion**, as conceptualized in Vallerand’s dualistic model, consistently predicts positive psychological outcomes such as motivation, well-being, and self-regulation (Exline & Wilt, 2024; Du et al., 2023). Obsessive passion, however, emerged as a double-edged sword—driving performance but often at the cost of emotional imbalance (Ghorbanzadeh et al., 2020). When paired with **stable personality traits**, especially conscientiousness and openness, passion becomes a powerful catalyst for sustained achievement and life satisfaction (Biggio & Cortese, 2013; Schmidt & Hansson, 2018).

The **co-occurrence heatmap** and **network visualizations** further illustrate how passion frequently intersects with constructs like grit, resilience, and mindset across multiple studies, suggesting that future theoretical frameworks in motivational psychology should move beyond siloed constructs and embrace integrated models.

Personality Traits as Behavioral Foundations

The synthesis confirms that traits such as **openness, conscientiousness, and emotional stability** provide essential scaffolding for mindset formation and adaptive behavior (Meierdirk & Fleischer, 2022; Huang et al., 2023). Notably, the presence of personality-mindset interaction was evident in educational interventions where learners with trait openness were more likely to internalize a growth mindset (van Hove et al., 2025). These findings imply that trait-level assessments may be critical in tailoring personalized learning environments or leadership coaching sessions.

Thematic Expansion of Growth Mindset Research

While Dweck's (2006) model remains foundational, the review uncovered an evolution in how **growth mindset** is conceptualized and applied. Interventions are increasingly multifaceted, incorporating digital tools, reflective journaling, and socio-emotional support (Morgan et al., 2024; Jones & McConnell, 2023). Studies also emphasized how growth mindset is often moderated by self-efficacy or mediated by grit, revealing a more complex psychological mechanism than previously assumed.

Additionally, the **author collaboration network** revealed strong cross-disciplinary intersections—particularly among educational psychologists, business scholars, and behavioral scientists—indicating a rising consensus on the necessity of cross-contextual applications of mindset theory.

Entrepreneurial Mindsets and Workplace Applications

Eight reviewed studies explored how **entrepreneurial intention and performance** are shaped by the combined influence of passion and personality (Shabbir, 2025; Shetty et al., 2024). These findings have deep implications for **entrepreneurship education and talent development**. Programs that foster not only skill development but also entrepreneurial passion and openness to innovation are more likely to cultivate resilient founders capable of navigating uncertainty (Maheshwari et al., 2023; Norena-Chavez & Torres, 2024).

The **bibliographic coupling map** supported this observation by linking key entrepreneurial psychology articles via shared citation patterns, suggesting an emergent subfield bridging psychology and business studies.

Practical Implications for Education, Mental Health, and Policy

From an applied perspective, this review advocates for a **whole-person approach** in educational and workplace settings. Growth-oriented policies should consider individual dispositions, cultivate harmonious passions, and embed grit-based skill-building modules. Additionally, training programs for teachers, counselors, and managers must integrate mindset science with trait diagnostics to yield sustainable outcomes.

In mental health contexts, understanding the dark side of obsessive passion and trait neuroticism offers valuable cues for identifying individuals vulnerable to burnout (Duncan & Pond, 2024). Designing early interventions informed by personality and motivational profiles could significantly enhance well-being and long-term performance.

Research Gaps and Future Directions

Despite the substantial scholarly attention given to passion, personality traits, and growth mindset, this review reveals several **noteworthy research gaps** that warrant future inquiry. These gaps span **methodological**, **conceptual**, and **contextual** dimensions, and highlight opportunities for advancing the field through interdisciplinary and culturally responsive research.

Methodological Limitations in Existing Studies

A predominant share of the reviewed studies (68%) relied on **cross-sectional self-report data**, limiting causal inference and potentially inflating relationships due to common method bias. While some studies employed longitudinal or experimental designs (e.g., Zhao et al., 2023; Morgan et al., 2024), they remain underutilized. There is a pressing need for more **longitudinal panel studies** and **quasi-experimental interventions** to assess the stability and developmental trajectory of constructs such as grit, mindset, and harmonious passion over time.

Additionally, few studies triangulated quantitative findings with **qualitative insights**, which could enrich understanding of how personality and motivational orientations are

experienced subjectively across contexts (e.g., Steiner, 2023). Incorporating **mixed-methods** or **experience sampling methodologies (ESM)** could reveal dynamic interactions between internal dispositions and external stressors.

Conceptual Gaps: Limited Integration of Constructs

Although the constructs of **passion, personality traits, and growth mindset** are often studied independently or in dyads, **very few studies have examined all three concurrently**. This restricts our understanding of how they function as a **synergistic system**. For example, does passion mediate the effect of conscientiousness on academic resilience? Or does a growth mindset moderate the impact of neuroticism on well-being?

Moreover, studies rarely distinguish between the **adaptive and maladaptive forms of passion** (e.g., harmonious vs. obsessive), nor do they adequately explore **trait moderators** (such as agreeableness or extraversion) in passion–performance relationships (Ghorbanzadeh et al., 2020). Future research should adopt **integrative models**, perhaps using structural equation modeling (SEM), to disentangle these complex psychological interactions.

Underrepresented Populations and Contexts

The current literature remains **heavily skewed toward Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic (WEIRD)** populations. Studies originating in diverse cultural or economic contexts—such as South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, or Latin America—are limited (Rees et al., 2024; Thanh Nguyen et al., 2025). Given the **cultural variability in personality expression, motivation, and achievement norms**, it is crucial to examine these constructs in **non-WEIRD and multilingual** environments. The entrepreneurial applications of mindset and personality research are still emerging. While promising evidence links entrepreneurial passion and traits to business success (Shetty et al., 2024; Gazi et al., 2024), few studies have unpacked how these operate under **volatile or resource-constrained environments**, such as during crises (Ramli et al., 2023) or among first-generation entrepreneurs.

Technology-Mediated Interventions: A Nascent Area

Recent studies have begun exploring the **role of digital tools and AI** in fostering mindset change and passion activation (Blyler & Seligman, 2024; Bridgeman & Giraldez-Hayes, 2024), but this line of inquiry remains in its infancy. The design, scalability, and personalization of such **tech-enhanced interventions**—especially in education and mental health—should be a future research priority. There is also scope for leveraging **learning analytics and adaptive feedback systems** to tailor mindset and grit interventions to individual personality profiles, especially in virtual learning environments (Volstad et al., 2020).

Recommendations for Future Research

1. Employ longitudinal and experimental designs to examine causal pathways among passion, traits, and well-being.
2. Develop and validate integrative conceptual models combining personality, passion, and mindset variables.
3. Expand cultural diversity by conducting research in underrepresented regions and among multilingual learners.
4. Explore the potential of digital interventions and AI-based tools for mindset development.
5. Apply advanced analytical tools (e.g., SEM, latent profile analysis) to detect nuanced personality–motivation configurations.

CONCLUSION

This systematic literature review offers a comprehensive synthesis of the scholarly landscape on passion, personality traits, and growth mindset, emphasizing their interconnected influence on psychological well-being, academic achievement, and entrepreneurial success. Drawing upon 50 high-quality empirical studies published between 2013 and 2025, the review highlights that these constructs do not operate in isolation but rather form a synergistic motivational system—where traits such as conscientiousness and openness enable the internalization of harmonious passion and cultivate a growth-oriented mindset.

The findings reveal that harmonious passion fuels sustained engagement and resilience, while personality traits function as both precursors and moderators in motivational pathways. Additionally, grit and self-efficacy emerged as critical mediators bridging trait dispositions with adaptive outcomes. Notably, growth mindset interventions, especially in educational contexts, were found to be more effective when personalized to individual differences in personality and motivational orientation.

Despite these insights, significant research gaps persist, particularly in methodological diversity, construct integration, cultural generalizability, and the use of technology-enhanced interventions. To address these gaps, future studies must adopt longitudinal and cross-cultural designs, incorporate emerging technologies, and build more integrated theoretical models.

In conclusion, this review reinforces the importance of **studying passion, personality, and mindset as interdependent constructs**. Understanding their combined influence holds the potential to inform **evidence-based interventions in education, work, and mental health**, ultimately fostering more adaptive, resilient, and self-actualized individuals across diverse global settings.

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