**UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description**

Please use this template to create a description of each research project, eligibility requirements and expected deliverables. Project details can then be uploaded to each faculty, school, institute, and centre webpage prior to the launch of the program.

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| **Project title:** | Social media and the blurring of professional boundaries; What are the issues and concerns for the “Millennial” generation as they enter the health professional workforce? |
| **Project duration:** | 6 weeks  18 November 2019 – 3 January 2020  One student required from the discipline of Nursing, Midwifery |
| **Description:** | The aim of this research project is to conduct a scoping review of the professional literature on the reported issues and concerns in relation to maintenance of the professional boundary and the use of social media technologies. Millennial students are often socially connected and engaged through the use of social media, but may not be aware of the potential for boundary problems to occur through the use of social media. Therefore a scan of grey literature may also be required for example by exploring social media Blogs, Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Subject recruitment/ or data set Data would be obtained from a critical review of the professional literature and the scanning of social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Blogs. Methods The student will conduct a scoping review of the literature – Focussing on the issues of social media and the protection of the professional boundary.  Thematic analysis identifying key concepts or recurrent themes in the grey media for example Social Media technologies. Primary/ secondary outcomes Identification of the issues and concerns that may confront the Millennial generation as they move into professional practice and experience the need to be more protective of professional and personal boundaries.  Recommendations for additions to the undergraduate curriculum in relation to social media and the protection of professional boundaries for the Millennium generation. Analysis approach Systematic review of the professional literature and thematic analysis identifying key concepts or recurrent themes in the professional literature and grey media for example Social Media technologies.  The student will be offered the opportunity to publically present findings either externally or within the School; and be included as an author on any publications. |
| **Suitable for:** | This application is open to a **nursing/midwifery** student who is currently enrolled on a full-time basis at UQ.  Furthermore, if applying for the Summer program, the student cannot be graduating in Semester two.  Candidates will need to work independently with regular meetings and support from their supervisor/s.  See the website for eligibility criteria <https://employability.uq.edu.au/node/159/1#1> |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Andrew Gardner RN, BN, MMHN, MBA, PhD  Dr Anthony Tuckett RN, PhD |
| **Further info:** | Candidates will be required to attend the UQ St Lucia campus for 20 hours per week for this project. Days to be negotiated with the team prior to commencement.  Please contact Dr Andrew Gardner - [andrew.gardner@uq.edu.au](mailto:andrew.gardner@uq.edu.au) |