**UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | Partograph Trial  |
| **Project duration:** | *4 - 6 weeks (expected start 6th January 2020)*  |
| **Description:** | The Partogrpah trial is a randomised controlled trial that compares a standard partograph, used to record the progress of labour and inform clinical decisions, to a recently revised version. One function of the partograph is to alert clinicians to a potentially slow or obstructed labour, however the commonly accepted criteria used to differentiate between a normal and prolonged duration of labour were established in the 1970’s and more recent evidence suggests that the course of normal labour may be more variable and longer that originally thought. The new partograph incorporates expectations of normal labour progress based on recent evidence and guidelines. A focus of this trial is exploring how clinicians use the partogram in practice and how the document influences clinical decision making.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Scholars will have the opportunity to work closely with researchers and actively participate in data collation, entry and interpretation.  |
| **Suitable for:** | The position is suitable for UQ NMSW BMid students who have completed 2nd year or Dual Degree students have completed 3rd year. The student should also have experience using MS Excel. Only students who are currently enrolled on a full-time basis at UQ are eligible to apply for the program. Furthermore, if applying for the Summer program, the students also can’t be graduating in semester two as they will lose their full-time student status throughout the program. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Nigel Lee |
| **Further info:** | Please contact the supervisor prior to application  |