**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:** | **How is quality teaching best measured?** |
| **Project duration:** | All activities will be carried out across a four week period in Jan 2020. |
| **Description:** | In the tertiary sector, standard appraisal of an academics’ ability to teach is almost universally measured through student appraisal. However, while student satisfaction is a clear consideration, are students best placed to determine the effectiveness of their teacher? A vast variety of courses combine to create any degree or higher degree program and student perception of different courses and their contribution vary significantly. With this in mind, it would not be unreasonable to suggest that student perception of the course and how they believe this contributes toward their graduate practice has the potential to impact on an academics’ appraisal. Should a more rounded approach be taken where individual academic student appraisals be collectively combined across all courses in which the academic teaches? Should course performance and management be considered or teaching observations incorporated from those with teaching experience and discipline expertise. While numerous options exist, literature fails to reach consensus (or adequately address), what should constitute the measure of quality teaching. This project aims to produce a manuscript for journal submission which will critically discuss the measurement of quality teaching and how this might best occur. The UQ Summer Scholar will be required to source and appraise literature. They will also be guided around generating a manuscript for submission to a higher research journal and will be listed as an author on the paper.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The outcome of this project will be the drafting of a manuscript for submission to an educational journal with authorship to include those directly involved with this project who have made significant contribution. The summer scholar involved in this project can expect to gain skills around the generation of an academic paper as well as the opportunity to contribute to a publication as a result of this activity.  |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to final year students with a GPA of 5.5 or higher. The summer scholar does not need to be from nursing, midwifery, social work or counselling as this is project has a teaching and learning focus rather than a discipline focus.  |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Associate Professor Peter Lewis – Director Teaching and Learning for the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work will work directly with the successful summer scholar. |
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