**UQ Summer 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:** | **Recreational support for cognitively impaired rehabilitation patients at STARS** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | For the Summer program, students will be engaged for 6 weeks only.  Hours of engagement must be between 20 – 36 hrs per week and must fall within the official program dates (13 Jan – 21 Feb 2025).  The project will be offered at the STARS facility in Metro North. Desk space and support will be provided |
| **Description:** | This project is in development.  *Background:*  *The literature has identified that recreational support programs are effective in supporting ongoing rehabilitation, wellbeing and prevention of delirium. Use of these interventions has demonstrated a reduction in falls, improved sleep and reduced length of hospital stay.*  *At STARS we have a recreational officer working in one ward, and the impact on patient outcomes is not currently being measured. We would like explore the impact of this role on patient and family wellbeing.*  *Methods:*  *It is intended that a multi methods evaluation will be conducted, including interviews with patients and family members to investigate their experience of this type of role day to day.*  *Semi-structured interviews will be conducted, they will be recorded using videoconferencing software on secure servers with in the health service.*  *All ethical approvals will be in place.* |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | Please highlight what applicants can expect to gain/learn from participating in the project, and what they will be expected to complete as a part of the project.  *Scholars may gain experience in qualitative research, being a part of an interprofessional research team and working with clinicians, patients and families. They will be fully supervised.* |
| **Suitable for:** | This project would be suitable to health students in their final year of study who are confident talking with families. A person who has an interest in patient experiences and qualitative research would get a great experience. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Natasha Roberts, Nursing Conjoint Clinical Research Fellow |
| **Further info:** | If you would like applicants to contact your unit for further information, please provide the relevant contact details here.  \*\*Please highlight if the supervisor wishes to be contacted by students prior to submitting an application. |