**2021 Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Social Prescribing: How Community Engagement Can Improve Health in Later Life** |
| **Positions available:** | **1** |
| **Project duration:** | * 20 * 5 weeks |
| **Description:** | Social Prescribing (SP) is a service offered in general practice (GP) contexts that involves referring patients with non-clinical needs to local services and activities provided by the third sector (i.e. community, voluntary, and social enterprise sector). SP aims to promote partnerships between the health and the social sectors to address the wider determinants of health, including social engagement. This project will involve constructing a narrative literature review on the evidence supporting social prescribing for older adults (those 65+). Although most literature on social prescribing is from the UK, there is a small and growing literature in Australia. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The expected outcome of this project is a draft paper for publication, with input from a number of colleagues including the Winter Scholar. The Student should plan on submitting SUMMARIES of articles reviewed, a draft methods section, and contributions to the draft paper. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to applications from students with experience in compiling literature reviews. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Professor Nancy Pachana |
| **Further info:** | Applicants are **not** required to contact the supervisor before submitting an application.  The project will take place at UQ St Lucia Campus. |