**UQ 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:** | **Investigating the Rising Demand for ADHD Medication: Insights into the Ongoing Stimulant Shortage** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | For the Winter program, students will be engaged **for 4 weeks only**.  36hrs per week from 30 June to 25 July 2025.  On-site preferred for the first week, hybrid arrangements available |
| **Description:** | There is a growing shortage of ADHD medications, raising concerns about the factors driving this increased demand. This project will examine practice guidelines, existing literature, and news reports to explore how policy changes, clinical recommendations, and media coverage have influenced ADHD medication use over time. Using qualitative research methods, students will conduct thematic analyses to understand the complex interplay between public perception, clinical practice, and supply issues.  This project provides a strong introduction to health sciences and public health research, preparing students for future research endeavours and offering opportunities for further study in this field. |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | Throughout the project the student will:   * Develop skills in literature review surrounding ADHD medication and public health policy * Gain qualitative research and thematic analysis training and experience * Contribute to manuscript writing and preparation * Understand the research ethics and publication process * Receive authorship on resulting publications where significant contributions are made |
| **Suitable for:** | Students with a background or interest in psychology, public health, social sciences, or related fields, particularly those looking to build research experience and progress to advanced studies. |
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