**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:** | **Outcomes and outcome measures used to assess the efficacy of interventions for male individuals with chronic pelvic pain** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | 4 weeks; 4 days (32 hrs) per week.  The project can be offered on-site, remotely, or through a hybrid arrangement. |
| **Description:** | Chronic pelvic pain affects up to one male individual out of ten. Given this high prevalence, interventional studies multiplied in the last two decades. Two recent Cochrane Reviews have reported considerable variation in the reported outcomes and outcome measures across randomised trials. This variation prevents high-quality meta-analysis and systematic review of primary studies to make clinical recommendations. No study has systematically reviewed the reported outcomes and outcome measures in randomised controlled studies in men affected by chronic pelvic pain. This will inform the development of a core outcome set which will be used to improve the meaningfulness of trials to recommend specific interventions.  This research project will involve the production of a systematic review of randomised trials assessing the efficacy of interventions to treat male individuals with chronic pelvic pain. The study will follow a predefined protocol and involve the screening, data extraction, analysis, and manuscript preparation. |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | Benefits for the student encompass an introduction to and familiarisation with the meticulous process involved in conducting a systematic review and an opportunity to build a strong foundation for appraising the quality of studies. The manuscript will be submitted to a Q1 peer-reviewed journal, and authorship opportunities will be considered. The student may be asked to produce a report or oral presentation at the end of their project. The student will be offered opportunities to participate in lab activities such as meetings and observing experiments. |
| **Suitable for:** | None. |
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