**UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | Working collaboratively: Self-regulation to achieve common goals |
| **Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode** | *4 weeks – 30 hours per week* |
| **Description:** | Working as part of a team is a key competency required for professional practice in occupational therapy. Self-regulation and the ability to select and use specific strategies to negotiate challenging situations in social contexts have been identified as valuable skills for working collaboratively in a team. To date the development and use of collaborative self-regulation by occupational therapy students has not been explored. Collaborative assessment activities provide authentic opportunities and challenges that require use of self-regulation for effective team functioning and goal attainment.  This mixed methods research project explores the use of self-regulation strategies during completion of group authentic assessment activities. Participants were first- and second-year OT students who completed purposefully designed and previously validated questionnaires.  Outcomes of this research will be used to inform design of student learning experiences to support development of self-regulation and collaborative team work. Outcomes will be shared through publication and presentations to professional groups. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The scholar will have the opportunity to assist with generation of a publication from this research.  Specifically, the scholar will be involved in:  Preparation of the introduction/literature review for a publication;  Methods section for a paper  Skills in Data analysis (descriptive and content analysis),  Skills in preparation of Results section of paper, including formatting of tables etc., |
| **Suitable for:** | The project would be most suitable to a 3rd or 4th year UG Honours OT or 2nd Year GEMS OT student who has completed at least 1 research focused course. |
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| **Further info:** | Applicants can contact supervisor for additional details by email ([e.springfield@uq.edu.au](mailto:e.springfield@uq.edu.au) ) but are not required to do so. |