**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:** | **Codesign of an interdisciplinary intervention to support text-messaging for adults with post-stroke aphasia: The SMS study.** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | 4 weeks, 20 hours per week.  Project will be conducted from the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre at the Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS), Herston.  The project can be conducted through a hybrid of in-person and remote work. |
| **Description:** | Text messaging is one of the most common communication technologies used by Australians to manage their health and daily life activities and to connect socially. However, people with aphasia face barriers to text-messaging due to language impairments post-stroke, often combined with cognitive, visual, psychological and motor deficits. This project aims to codesign an interdisciplinary intervention to support text-messaging for people with aphasia. Focus groups with key stakeholders, including people with aphasia, family members, health professionals (speech pathologists, occupational therapists, neuropsychologists) and technology experts will be conducted to inform the development of the intervention.  This project is being conducted in collaboration with the Surgical, Treatment and Rehabilitation Service and is funded by the Stroke Foundation. |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | It is expected that students will gain skills in research processes including data collection (i.e., the conduct of focus groups and interviews with stakeholder groups) data management and analysis.  This project is being conducted with health professionals and researchers from the STARS including speech pathologists, occupational therapists and neuropsychologists. Students will gain skills in working as part of an interdisciplinary research team. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is suitable for 3rd or 4th year speech pathology or occupational therapy students. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Dr Jade Dignam |
| **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.  E: [j.dignam@uq.edu.au](mailto:j.dignam@uq.edu.au) |