**UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Exploring physiotherapy careers and practice in Australia** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | The project will be for 4 weeks, up to 36 hours per week.  The successful applicant will be able to work remotely with regular meetings with the project team. |
| **Description:** | Physiotherapists in Australia predict relatively short careers, with over half of all new graduates from one Australian university predicting a career of less than ten years. Several reasons have been proposed for such short career intentions from remuneration through to concerns regarding recognition of skills. Much of this research is over ten years old and may not reflect the contemporary practices and experiences of those within the workforce.  In this project you will work closely with the research team who include academics from UQ and Queensland Health to explore the reasons previous physiotherapists in Australia have left the profession. You will help with data, writing and discussing findings with the research team. You will gain interesting insight into the areas that physiotherapists work in and the way they work. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The applicants will work with the research team to explore interview data that has been collected in earlier stages of the project. This may include reading, transcribing and analysing data and writing up aspects of the project. Applicants will gain important insights about physiotherapy practice and careers in Australia. Importantly, you will be included as co-authors on the publication/s that arise from this project. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students at any stage in their program will be considered, especially those who have already undertaken courses during their programs in qualitative research methods. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Roma Forbes and Alana Dinsdale |
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