**2019 SHRS UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Improving low back pain healthcare delivery: Enhancing the biopsychosocial model**  |
| **Project duration:** | * 4 weeks
* 20-30 hours/week
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| **Position/s available** | 2 |
| **Description:** | This project seeks to improve the clinical management of low back pain by i) investigating, and ii) changing clinical practice to successfully implement an extended biopsychosocial approach. The project uses: i) direct observations of clinical practice and ii) facilitated consultations with both clinicians and clients. These methods will develop and evaluate recommendations for changes to improve the application of the biopsychosocial approach, and consider potential impact on patient outcomes. The study is designed to produce a clinically feasible low back pain specific management approach, for roll-out across populations and settings. Outcomes will be local changes within the study site, and the development of industry-wide recommendations.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Scholars will increase their understanding of the clinical management of low back pain, and the complexities of implementing care for complex conditions. Scholars will also gain skills in qualitative data collection and analysis. |
| **Suitable for:** | Students in the health sciences interested in research in clinical settings. |
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