

UQ Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	Developing online health information resources for adults on the autism spectrum
Project duration:	4-5 weeks
Expected hours per week (Min. 20 hrs, Max 36 Hrs)	30 hours
Number of Positions Available:	1
Campus (Eg. TRI, Aubigny Place)	Aubigny Place
Description:	<p>In comparison to the general population, adults on the autism spectrum experience higher rates of a range of physical and mental health conditions. Many adults on the spectrum experience barriers to accessing healthcare resulting in unmet healthcare needs. The health disparities become even greater when the adult on the spectrum has co-occurring intellectual disability.</p> <p>One way our team are addressing this gap is through a website, the Health Hub (autismcrc.com.au/healthhub), which provides health information, resources and tools for adults on the spectrum, their support people and health professionals. Our team have completed several health and wellbeing projects and these findings will be used to develop health information resources.</p> <p>This is a translational project. The student will develop appropriate health information resources based on completed research projects and update existing resources where required. All developed materials will be reviewed by a group of autistic adults.</p>
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	<p>Students will be able to develop literature review skills, gain experience working with a consumer engagement group and explore creative strategies to present health information to adults on the spectrum, their support people and health professionals (e.g., static webpages, pamphlets, video, etc.).</p> <p>Students will revise and/or produce up to 3 online health information resources or tools for adults on the spectrum, their support people and health professionals.</p>
Suitable for:	<p>This project is open to applications from students with an interest in autism, disability or health.</p> <p>Clear written communication is essential.</p>
Primary Supervisor:	Katie Brooker

Further info:	Please contact Katie if you would like to know more about this project before applying. Telephone: 3163 1983 Email: k.brooker1@uq.edu.au
Will you be collaborating with an external organisation on this project (for example NGO, government agency or private industry)? If yes, please state which organisation?	Yes, Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC)