

2022/2023 Summer Research Project Description

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Project title:	Please insert name of project
Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode	<p>10 weeks during Summer Vacation.</p> <p>Hours of engagement will be between 20-36hrs per week during the summer vacation period.</p> <p>The project can be completed under a remote working arrangement or on-site if required.</p>
Description:	<p>Pick of the Crop (PoC) is one of the flagship initiatives of Health and Wellbeing Queensland and aims to increase primary school-aged children’s consumption of vegetables and fruit. PoC is a school-based initiative that collaborates with participating schools to develop and implement a school action plan with strategies to promote vegetable and fruit intake among students such as developing a school community garden and introducing healthy snack breaks.</p> <p>PoC is now entering its second year of implementation and this project aims to inform learning and decision-making for the PoC team by evaluating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the approaches to implementing PoC among new and continuing schools; • the barriers and enablers to implementing PoC and sustaining that implementation over time; • opportunities for program improvements; • the short and intermediate outcomes resulting from implementation of PoC; • the impact of different models of program support on the implementation, impacts, and outcomes of PoC. <p>Understanding PoC's sustainability and how changes to the program in its second year have affected implementation and outcomes is critical to inform the potential scalability of the program across Queensland.</p>
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	<p>Scholars will gain real-world experience of evaluating a large-scale health promotion program. They will develop skills in qualitative methodologies (that may include content analysis of school action plans and thematic analysis of focus group interviews). They may also learn how to use software designed for qualitative research (NVivo). Scholars also have the opportunity to generate a short literature review that may be used towards an academic publication, which the student may be recognised as co-author depending on the level of contribution.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to present what they have learned from the Summer Scholars program to their ISSR colleagues at completion.</p>

Suitable for:	This project is open to applications from students with an interest in qualitative research and evaluation in any discipline, and/or health promotion practice.
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