

The University of Queensland Higher Education Academy Fellowship

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“ I feel it's a very nice reflection of the quality of teaching which exists within The University of Queensland in the area of Health Sciences and which I'm very proud to have contributed towards. ”

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Expertise

Higher Education Leadership
Health Leadership
ePortfolio and placement
management
Mentorship
Interprofessional Education

My favourite teaching tools

- ePortfolio



Programs

- ePortfolio @UQ
- Placement management software
- Course design e.g. HLTH1000
- Career Progression for Women

Memorable teaching moment

I have been involved in mentoring, coaching and sponsoring both formally and informally since I was a Senior Lecturer (~15 years) and my involvement has included both long term arrangements lasting several years and one off 'coffee meetings'. My interest has always been working with higher degree research students (generally women) and with academic women. I have always focused on helping them to see connections and leadership in the activities they have undertaken.

For example, I help them to reframe an administrative task or role into an opportunity to show leadership. I am constantly surprised and pleased at how a simple conversation with me about reframing contributions can lead them to that aha moment when suddenly they understand and can reflect upon their achievements and frame these achievements to show their significant contributions. I believe that leadership happens at all levels and that most people can evidence this, it's just that women don't always see this implicitly without explicit help.

