### UQ/ITaLI Summer Research Project

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| Description: | **Background:** Students are increasingly thought of as consumers and customers in higher education with universities positioned as ‘service providers’ in a competitive business environment. Of course, students are always learners in higher education. Yet, the customer and consumer rhetoric is influencing how academics think about, and engage with, students as learners. In this study, we will interview academic staff to explore how they position students in higher education.  

**Project:** Linked to a nationally funded Fellowship on ‘students as partners’ awarded to [Kelly Matthews](mailto:k.matthews1@uq.edu.au).  

**Activity for selected Summer Scholar:** Analysing interviews with UQ staff or students. Interested students could co-author a journal article. |
| Expected outcomes and deliverables: | The selected scholar will gain **numerous benefits:**  
1. expand professional networks  
2. enhance research acumen with focus on collecting and analysing data via interviews in a social sciences study  
3. build capacity in teamwork and communications skills (presentation, writing)  
4. contribute to high profile national project  

**Outcomes** could include:  
1. presenting findings to UQ community  
2. co-authoring a conference talk or potential manuscript  

The selected students will work actively with the researchers and have a desk in the Learning Innovation Building. |
| Suitable for: | This project is open to students with a background in education, psychology, science, arts, journalism, marketing, business, social sciences or any discipline that emphasises critical thinking and communication skills. |
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| Further info: | Applicants please contact the supervisor prior to submitting an application to discuss the project requirements. When making enquires please specify the project in which you have interest. Please provide your CV. |