

Summer Research Projects

Project title: UQ – An Age-friendly

Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode:

Preferred commencement date: 23 November 2022
Duration: 10 weeks during Summer Vacation.
Hours of engagement: 20-30 hrs per week
Delivery mode: This project can be completed remotely.
Collaborators: U3A, COTA, Lions, Probus

Description:

Despite its [ageing population](#), Australia has a problem with [age discrimination](#).

In response, UQ recently became the [first university in the Southern Hemisphere](#) to join the [Age-Friendly University Global Network](#). In doing so, we signed onto [10 Age-Friendly University principles](#).

Now, UQ's Age-Friendly University Working Party (led by [Professor Nancy Pachana](#)) wants to discover what "an age-friendly university" means to older people in South East Queensland.

This project will involve collecting and helping to analyse qualitative interview data collected from older Queenslanders (e.g., through organizations like [COTA](#), [Rotary](#), [CWA](#)).

This research will inform UQ's Age-Friendly Working Party future priorities and contribute (we hope) to a world-first scholarly publication on the type of connections older people want to have with universities.

Expected outcomes and deliverables:

The Summer Research scholar on this project will learn about the ethics of human subject research and develop qualitative data collection (interviewing) and analytic skills (using [NVIVO](#)). They will also have opportunities to:

- contribute to a scholarly publication based on this research, and
- present their research findings orally to UQ's Age-Friendly University Working Party.

Suitable for:

This project is open to applications from students who are interested in qualitative research and respectful of older Australians.

Previous experience conducting research interviews and/or using NVIVO will be an advantage.

Primary Supervisor:

[Professor Nancy Pachana](#) and [Dr Kate Power](#)