

W. JAMES WHYTE

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Professor James Higham - visiting Fellow 2018

Professor James Higham visited the University of Queensland (UQ) Business School for the second time through the W. James Whyte Visiting Research Fellowship.

While only here for a brief time, James found his visit to UQ Business School highly valuable.

“The Fellowship met and exceeded my expectations. It was a relatively short but extremely productive and valuable time,” said James.

Having many highlights from his time here, the relationships that he made with our academics was most notable.

“First and foremost, the highlight was to further build existing collaborations with two academic staff. Linked to that was working closely with a PhD student at UQ who I am co-supervising as part of that research collaboration,” he said.

He found the interactions with UQ Business School academics to be outstanding, saying that they provided him with opportunities that were highly valuable.

“I really value the opportunities presented by the Jim Whyte Fellowship and this is in large part due to the professionalism of colleagues at UQ. The welcome is always warm and I find discussions with academics during my visits to be very conducive.”

Collaborating with many academics including Associate Professor Lisa Ruhanen, Dr Gabby Walters



and Dr Ya-Yen Sun, James' major impact of his visit was the further development of his ARC grant plans.

“I would say that the Jim Whyte Fellowship has offered outstanding opportunities in research, research collaboration, supervision, seminar delivery, networking and mentoring. I am very grateful to the fellowship,” he said.

“The fellowship has afforded me the opportunity to further develop existing research collaborations and build new avenues of research with colleagues in a department that is consistently ranked among the best globally.”



Profile

James Higham is a Professor of Tourism at the University of Otago (New Zealand), and visiting professor at the University of Stavanger (Norway). His research addresses questions relating to tourism and environmental change, with particular interests in climate change and aviation, behaviour change and low carbon mobility transitions.

James is Co-Editor of the Journal of Sustainable Tourism and serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Destination Marketing and Management and Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism.