**UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **The ATLAS Indigenous Primary Care Network: behavioural risk factors, knowledge and attitudes survey** |
| **hours of engagement & delivery mode** | Project duration is 4 weeks. Placements of 0.6 or 0.8 FTE will be ideal.  Remote working arrangements can be considered but undertaking the majority of the placement in the UQ Poche offices at Toowong is preferred. |
| **Description:** | The ATLAS Indigenous Primary Care Surveillance and Research Network is a sentinel surveillance system established to monitor sexually transmissible infections (STI) and blood-borne virus (BBV) testing, diagnosis and management data, principally with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS). This surveillance system is a driver of Continuous Quality Improvement at participating sites and other research activities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care nation-wide.  In addition to the analysis of deidentified clinical data relating to STIs and BBVs, the ATLAS network collects survey data focused on behavioural risk factors, knowledge and attitudes. Collection of these surveys has been piloted in some of the participating ATLAS health services but not yet analysed. Similarly, survey data addressing the service characteristics of the 34 ACCHS participating in ATLAS requires analysis.  **This project will undertake preliminary analysis of existing survey data under supervision of the ATLAS data team and draft a report outlining findings, contributing to the development of an implementation plan for the continuation of these programs.** |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The student will gain experience working in a dynamic health surveillance program and alongside the world-class research team that is UQ Poche Centre. They will gain skills and knowledge in aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and analysis of survey data.  In addition to contributing to ATLAS team outputs, the student will prepare a short report and presentation of their findings at the end of their project. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is suitable for any students with a medical sciences or population health background interested in health research and quantitative survey analysis (e.g., public health, epidemiology, medicine, nursing).  Prior experience using SPSS, Stata, R or Python for analysis will be useful. |
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