**UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Urban Indigenous Health Scoping Review** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | Project duration is 4 weeks.  Approximately 36 hours per week will be expected.  On-site (Toowong) attendance is required, some remote working may be considered. |
| **Description:** | The University of Queensland Poche Centre for Indigenous Health is an Indigenous-led health research centre working collaboratively to transform urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ experiences of injustice and inequity in health and wellbeing. The UQ Poche Centre also works in regional and remote settings across Australia, and with other Indigenous peoples internationally.  Research that aims to address the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in urban areas in Australia is disproportionate to the population with 2-3 times fewer publications focused on urban health. This is despite 61% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in major cities and outer metropolitan areas, and because just over half of this population contributes to the gap in health equity. Urban Indigenous health research is an emerging field in Australia, and consequently lags other Indigenous populations in New Zealand, Canada, and the United States of America. The issue of rapid urbanisation has implications for Indigenous populations living in major cities globally and the services that aim to serve them.  We are seeking to engage a scholar to undertake a scoping review of literature relevant to the health of Indigenous peoples living in the urban areas of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America.  An overview of this existing knowledge will assist in the identification of current research gaps and future research priorities and inform the development of a new urban Indigenous research agenda in Australia. It will also enable new imaginations of methods to better understand and respond to the health needs of urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families, and communities. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | Publishable scoping review of literature on the topic and a presentation to staff. |
| **Suitable for:** | The project can be adapted for the student’s level of program. A background in Indigenous health (+ research) would be highly desirable.  Applicants with literature review skills/experience will also be highly regarded (e.g., refining search terms, searching health/medical databases, retrieving literature, using EndNote bibliographic software, screening records (Titles/Abstracts), data extraction and synthesis etc). |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | *Prof James Ward* |
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