**UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description**

Please use this template to create a description of each research project, eligibility requirements and expected deliverables. Project details can then be uploaded to each faculty, school, institute, and centre webpage prior to the launch of the program.

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| **Project title:** | **What happens to people with a communication disability during a natural disaster?** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | Duration: 6 weeks  Hours per week: 25  Total estimated hours: 125  The project schedule is flexible. The project can be completed under a remote working arrangement. On-site attendance may be required for some aspects of the project. |
| **Description:** | Background: People living with communication disabilities (such as aphasia) may be at greater risk of harm during a natural disaster. This is because traditional channels for providing emergency warnings (e.g., over the radio/TV) are not necessarily accessible to people with a communication disability.  Research question: Are there additional risks for people living with communication disability during natural disasters?  Aim: To identify risks associated with having a communication disability during a natural disaster.  Method: Literature review, qualitative methods |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The scholar will gain experience conducting a literature review and planning appropriate qualitative research methods (e.g., communicatively-accessible surveys, semi-structured interviews).  The scholar may be invited to present a brief summary of the project in the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre. |
| **Suitable for:** | Prior experience conducting a literature review is not required.  This project would suit a speech pathology student in 3rd or 4th year (undergraduate) or final year (masters). However, all interested students are encouraged to apply.  The successful applicant will be a highly organised and self-motivated student who is willing to meet regularly with and be guided by the supervisor. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | [Dr Sam Harvey - UQ Researchers](http://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/39287)  Queensland Aphasia Research Centre  School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences |
| **Further info:** | If you are interested in this project, please contact the supervisor via email prior to applying (sam.harvey@uq.edu.au). |