



# Leader Connect

## Placement opportunity with QUT

A placement with the [Queensland University of Technology \(QUT\), School of Psychology and Counselling](#) is available for a person with an interest in digital mental health.

Applications, web programs and online services for mental health issues now have substantial supporting evidence, and since over 88% of Australians are now digitally connected, they can now be accessed by almost everyone. These resources have potential to greatly increase the impact of existing health services, but as yet they are not fully integrated into the way health practitioners work.

Since 2013, the Australian Government's Department of Health has funded a nationwide project to increase the use of digital mental health resources in general practice, psychology and allied health, and in Indigenous communities. QUT is the lead organisation for this project—e-Mental Health in Practice e-Mental Health (eMHPPrac). The project has promoted digital mental health to practitioners, provided lists of resources, delivered training and support, and tracked referrals and uptake of digital mental health resources. Researchers from eMHPPrac have provided policy advice on ways that digital mental health may be developed further.

Over the first five years of the project, users of digital mental health resources have increased substantially, and it now represents a substantial service component. Referrals have also increased, although less dramatically. Over the next two years, eMHPPrac will examine ways to build on these changes, including further development of its social media component, and will further refine its policy advice.

<b>Target:</b>	A07 to Executive (or equivalent) or <a href="#">Leadership competencies</a> Team Leader to Executive
<b>Duration:</b>	6 months approximately, start and finish dates are negotiable
<b>Working arrangements:</b>	full-time or part-time
<b>Location:</b>	Centre for Children's Health Research, 62 Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane

## Alignment to Advancing Queensland's Priorities

As part of the [Our Future State - Advancing Queensland's Priorities](#) the Queensland Government is taking action to Keep Queenslanders Healthy.

You will be working with the ePsychology research group to:

- Undertake a literature review on outcomes of stepped care, particularly in relation to primary care, mental health, and digital health
- Collaborate in the write-up of activities and outcomes of the eMHPPrac project to date, including usage and referral patterns
- Collaborate on the refinement of recommendations for policy and practice in relation to digital mental health.

You would also have an opportunity to become involved in marketing, training or social media activities undertaken as part of the project, and to obtain a detailed knowledge of digital mental health resources, programs and services in Australia, together with existing related policies.

The specific duties of the placement will be tailored to suit the needs of the successful candidate and align with QUT's operational business needs.

## What we are looking for

An ideal candidate would be a person with experience in policy development within health or related areas, and with an appreciation of issues relating to either: (a) marketing, (b) organisational change, (c) quality improvement, or (d) the integration of digital tools and resources into routine practice.

## Additional information

- To be eligible for this placement you must be an ongoing Queensland Government employee.
- Candidates should liaise with their supervisor about the benefits and implications of your release, and seek prior approval to participate in a placement.
- Your home agency will continue to cover your salary, and existing employment conditions will apply.
- Successful candidates will be assigned a Public Service Commission (PSC) case manager who will organise your placement and the terms of the placement with you, your home agency and QUT.
- This QUT external placement opportunity is a strategic imperative (Leadership pipeline) within the Queensland public sector 10 year human capital outlook – creating a different workforce future by design.
- For further information in relation to these opportunities, please contact PSC at [leaderconnect@psc.qld.gov.au](mailto:leaderconnect@psc.qld.gov.au)

## Interested in applying?

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### Next steps

1. You will be sent an **application form** to submit with your CV and further information. Applications must be received **by 5pm, Friday 1 March 2019**.
2. PSC will ensure applications are complete and eligible (March 2019).
3. QUT project leaders will assess applications and arrange meetings with shortlisted candidates (March/April 2019)
4. Within four weeks of the close of applications, either: the QUT project leader will contact candidates for an informal meeting; or PSC will contact unsuccessful candidates and provide feedback.
5. For successful applicants, PSC will arrange a final meeting with QUT project leaders, participants, agency supervisors, and PSC case managers to finalise negotiations, confirm commencement dates and sign Placement Agreements. (April/May 2019).

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