

Embedding and extending exemplary academic integrity policy and support frameworks across the higher education sector.

This Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) funded project aims to extend and embed exemplary academic integrity across the Australian higher education sector. Central to exemplary policy is a commitment by providers to fostering a culture of academic integrity. As support is crucial to enact policy, this project will develop resources accessible to both public and private higher education providers. Two critical areas will be addressed. First, support systems will be developed for vulnerable student groups including: international English as an Additional Language (EAL) students and educationally 'less prepared' students who struggle to understand the concept of academic integrity without assistance. Second, exemplary academic integrity policy and support frameworks will be extended to include higher degree by research (HDR) students.

The project is a strategic collaboration between UniSA as project leader, Griffith University researchers and policymakers and Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT).

The Project Roundtable brings together the project team and reference group in a collegial environment to allow members to share the practical implementation details of exemplary academic integrity policy. Participants will be encouraged to share details of institutional practices which show the efficacy of their policies in their specific contexts. Presentations will be videotaped and notes will be taken during the Roundtable to enable the project team to analyse and adapt current best practices for the identified student groups. The findings from the Roundtable will be disseminated via a national speaking tour by international academic integrity experts, Dr Erica Morris and Dr Tricia Bertram Gallant. Attached is the Roundtable Agenda and 'Framework for best practice' presentation guidelines.

Participation is voluntary. Participants are free to withdraw from the research project at any stage without affecting their status now or in the future. The final report for this project will be available on the website of the Australian Office for Learning and Teaching on completion of the project. The anticipated completion date of the project is November 2013.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant, please contact the Executive Officer or this Committee, tel: +61 8 83023118; email: <u>Vicki.Allen@unisa.edu.au</u>. For further information about any aspect of this project, please contact Project Leader, Dr Tracey Bretag (<u>Tracey.Bretag@unisa.edu.au</u>)

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