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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET - LEADERSHIP SURVEY

SOCIAL SCIENCE/ HUMANITIES RESEARCH

Distributed leadership to embed scholarship in STEM teaching teams

Invitation

You are invited to participate in a study that aims to contextualise the Curriculum Evaluation and Research (CER) Framework to suit the STEM discipline. The study is being conducted by:

The University of Tasmania:

A/Prof Tina Acuna,

Dr Jo-Anne Kelder

1. What is the purpose of the study?

The objectives of the CER STEM Fellowship are to:

- Reconceptualise the CER framework based on implementation at six higher education providers, to ensure alignment with the TEQSA Guidance Note: Scholarship
- Address barriers to uptake and address identified opportunities and strategic actions that will support institutions to incorporate scholarship into their infrastructure for learning and teaching
- Extend and contextualise the CER STEM framework in at least six Science (or Allied) Faculties/Colleges in Australian universities
- Build on national and international networks and partnerships to promote best practice in learning and teaching.

2. Why have I been invited to participate in the study?

You have been invited to participate in the evaluation of this workshop/presentation because of your capacity to offer insights into the role and effects of leadership in implementing the CER-STEM framework.

3. How is the study being funded?

The Fellowship was funded by the Australian Council of Deans of Science 2019-2020. The ongoing research is supported in kind by the University of Tasmania.

4. What does the study involve?

Our Fellowship conceptualised leadership for active engagement in scholarship within teaching teams. It included a CER STEM framework to ensure team-based scholarship activities are aligned with institutional structures, processes and instruments, so that scholarship can be focussed on degree-level curriculum and can be made visible, monitored, measured and reported against TEQSA standards.

5. What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to complete an online survey. The survey questions are for you to provide feedback and comments after participating in the implementation of the CER-STEM framework at your institution.

Your anonymous feedback can be provided anytime online via the survey link on the CER-STEM "Our Research" <insert link>.

6. Are there any possible benefits from participating in this study?

The ACDS-STEM fellowship activities were designed provide staff with a practical and efficient method for ensuring coordinated quality activities related to a course that enable individual and collective outputs related

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to quality improvement, quality assurance and scholarship. Your participation in the study will help us to evaluate its effectiveness and contribute to the leadership resources we develop.

7. Are there any possible risks from participating in this study?

There are no specific risks anticipated with participation in this study.

8. What if I change my mind during or after the study?

By completing the anonymous online survey, you are implying consent to participate in this study, acknowledging that participation is voluntary and that you have read this information sheet. Once you have submitted your answers, it is not possible to retrieve and delete them.

9. What will happen to the data when this study is over?

All the research will be kept in a locked cabinet in the Project Office at the University of Tasmania. The data will be destroyed via secure disposal five years after the last publication from the research.

10. How will the results of the study be published?

All data in this study will be anonymous. Data from this study will be analysed and will be published in peer reviewed articles. If you wish to be notified on the results of this study, please feel free to contact us.

11. What if I have questions about this study?

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study please feel free to contact the joint ACDS Fellows, A/Prof Tina Acuna at tina.acuna@utas.edu.au or Phone 6226 7507, or Dr Jo-Anne Kelder at Jo.Kelder@utas.edu.au or phone 6226 4791. They will be happy to discuss any aspect of the research with you. You are welcome to contact Tina or Jo-Anne at that time to discuss any issue relating to the research study..

This study has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Science Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on (03) 6226 2975 or email ss.ethics@utas.edu.au. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from research participants. You will need to quote H0018205.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this study.

If you wish to take part in it, please complete the online survey <insert link>.

This information sheet is for you to keep.