

## 2022/2023 Summer Research Project Description

<b>Project title:</b>	<b>Reducing or stopping harmful medications in people living with dementia in aged care</b>
<b>Project duration, hours of engagement &amp; delivery mode</b>	<p>Duration of the project: 8 weeks during Summer Vacation.</p> <p>Hours of engagement: 30-36 hours per week</p> <p>COVID-19 considerations: This project can be conducted remotely, and it is negotiable whether the applicant is required on-site to complete the project</p>
<b>Description:</b>	<p><b>Aim:</b> To increase the uptake of deprescribing recommendations in practice in people living with dementia to reduce medication-related harm</p> <p><b>Methods:</b> We will use a combination of co-design explorative methods with conducting some face-to-face interviews with people living with dementia/carers and healthcare professionals who care for them. We will also undertake a literature review to address identified known gaps in the literature.</p>
<b>Expected outcomes and deliverables:</b>	<p>Scholars engaged in this work will gain a deeper understanding of geriatric pharmacy, optimising medication use in older people and particularly people living with dementia and deprescribing (reducing/stopping) harmful medications.</p> <p>Expectations to complete as part of this project are a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small literature review</li> <li>- Some interviews with stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>Outputs from this work may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A rapid review which can be submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal for publication</li> </ul>
<b>Suitable for:</b>	This project is open to Pharmacy students who are in their third or fourth year of study.
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<b>Further info:</b>	<p>I would prefer to be contacted directly with expressions of interest, but this is not a necessity. They may choose to contact the School of Pharmacy administration department instead. If interested students would like to discuss this project, please reach out to:</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:n.ailabouni@uq.edu.au">n.ailabouni@uq.edu.au</a></p>