

School of Communications, Dublin City University

DC Coursework - Research Projects

Why do a research project?

‡ Research experience

‡ Gives students insight into conducting public management research

health/health

‡ Apply what you have learnt in the program

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What is a research project?

‡ Individual primary research

± Defined and within the scope of 6UOC/18UOC

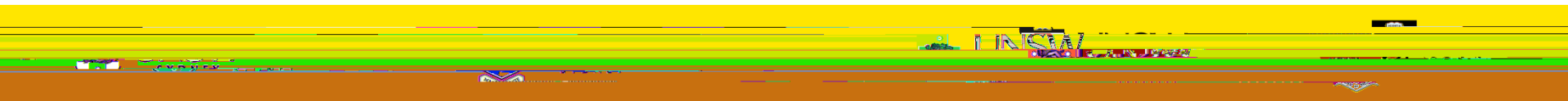
‡ Research can be:

± Analysis of existing data (6UOC) or ~~own~~ own data collection (18UOC) ± quantitative or qualitative

± Systematic review ± may be a piece of research (i.e. critical analysis/synthesis of studies)

± Program evaluation

OPTIONS



EXAMPLES ±6UOC and 18UOC

6UOC

- ‡ Analysis of publicly available data on factors associated with use of skilled birth attendants, Nepal.
- ‡ Review of patient records surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis in reducing surgical site infections and prevalence of antibiotic resistance
- ‡ Focus group analysis on acceptability of contraceptive implants in Tonga
- ‡ Analysis of qualitative interviews of frail older patients and their companion to explore their experiences in shared decision making around medicines.
- ‡ Aboriginal health promotion program evaluation

18UOC

- ‡ Analysis of publicly available data on case of death and influenza surveillance - sophisticated time series analysis to determine how influenza-attributable mortality estimates differ when different proxies of influenza circulation are used
- ‡ Double burden of malnutrition in Indonesia study - joined a team to assess one aspect of the study - validation of child feeding practices questionnaire in one province.

OPTIONS ±choosing a project

BYO data

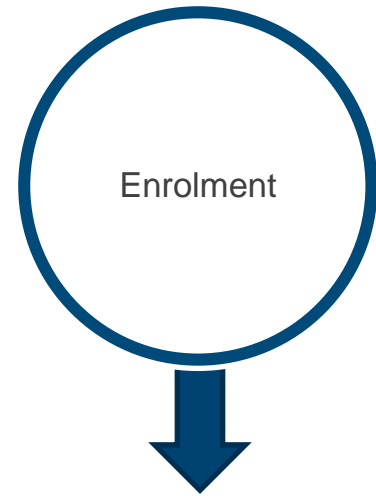
- ± Stable for students able to access data in their workplace
- ± Students

Seek project from academics

- ± Align with academics research program
- ± SPHCM or affiliated centres

Negotiate a project

- ± Bring your own idea, developed in consultation with supervisor
- ± Identify academic whose research areas or methodological expertise aligns



Affiliated research centres*

‡ The Kirby Institute

‡ CPHCE

‡ Co-sponsors ±SPHCM conjoints , e.g. NSW Health, POW hospital etc.

* Requires SPHCM co-supervisor

Confirmed Pathway from SPHCM Masters to SPHCM PhD

- ‡ Complete 12 UOC in Research focused courses.
- ‡ Research Project Independent Study or 6 UOC research-related course, such as Qualitative Research Methods, Advanced Biostatistics, Advanced Epidemiology or Applied Research Methods.
- ‡ Credit average or above for Masters coursework and project
- ‡ A letter of support from the Head of School or delegate
- ‡ [http:// sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future_students/postgraduate_research/articulation_masters-phd](http://sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/future_students/postgraduate_research/articulation_masters-phd)