

COMPETITIVE GRANTS 2006

PROJECT & TEAM DETAILS

<i>Project Title</i>	Innovation with Quality Assurance: Online curriculum development for the University of New England's multi-institutional collaborative programs in German at UNE, James Cook and Newcastle universities
<i>Priority Area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation in learning and teaching, particularly in relation to the role of new technologies • Strategic approaches to learning and teaching that address the increasing diversity of the student body
<i>Lead Institution</i>	University of New England
<i>Partner Institutions</i>	Newcastle University, James Cook University

PROJECT SUMMARY

<p>What is the Project designed to achieve (ie. Outcome)? (50 words)</p> <p>The project will promote and develop an innovative interactive online curriculum for an introductory German language program taught to a diverse student cohort which has resulted from UNE's collaborative partnership with the University of Newcastle and JCU. A training protocol for tutors in the programme will support the curriculum.</p>
<p>How will the project achieve this (ie. Method/approach)?(150 words)</p> <p>The project aims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to develop an interactive web-based language curriculum based on most recent evidence-based language learning and teaching strategies; • to implement and evaluate new technologies for language learning and teaching; • to develop complementary guidelines for training tutors using significant online components to teach a Language other than English (LOTE). <p>A project team lead by an expert will devise 28 modules, the learning design, ensure that the interface meets design standards and that there is high level of interactivity between students and academic staff, will align assessment with the outcomes, make recommendations for student support and liaise with the web developer, ed developer and others for utility of content. A reference group will support the project which is considered to be a first of its kind amongst the higher education sector. A comprehensive evaluation and dissemination strategy will ensure that outcomes are measured and distributed fully.</p>
<p>To assist in analysis and web searches please list key descriptors/ search words ie. Themes /Target Groups/ Disciplines addressed. For example: Multicultural, Deans, Biology,</p> <p>LOTE, independent learning, autonomous learning, distance education, learner anxiety, tutor style,</p>