

LEADERSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND TEACHING PROGRAM 2006

PROJECT & TEAM DETAILS

<i>Project Title</i>	Improving the leadership capability of academic coordinators in postgraduate and undergraduate programs in Business
<i>Priority Area</i>	Disciplinary and Cross-Disciplinary Leadership
<i>Lead Institution</i>	University of South Australia
<i>Partner Institutions</i>	Not applicable

PROJECT SUMMARY

What is the Project designed to achieve (ie. Outcome)? (50 words)

The project will identify the key leadership skills and abilities required for effective coordination of undergraduate and postgraduate programs in business and develop frameworks and resources for the professional development of academic coordinators and guidelines on how to apply the frameworks to the development of academic coordination and leadership skills in disciplines other than business.

How will the project achieve this (ie. Method/approach)?(150 words)

There will be two studies over two years. The first study will focus on academic coordination of postgraduate programs, the second study will replicate the first, but with respect to undergraduate course and program coordination. Initially, in both studies, a literature review will be conducted to inform the formulation of questions for the focus groups which will capture the perspective of the key stakeholders in the education process - the academic coordinators' peers, teaching and administrative staff and heads of school. In both studies the leadership skills required of academic coordinators will be made explicit, a tool to measure their effectiveness will be developed, a framework for the professional development of these staff will be formulated, sample resources will be developed and trialled and guidelines for wider application of the framework and the resources will be written and published on a website.

To assist in analysis and web searches please list key descriptors/ search words ie. Themes /Target Groups/ Disciplines addressed. For example: Multicultural, Deans, Biology,

Academic Leadership; Academic Coordination; Professional Development; Business

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