

2024/2025 Vacation Research Experience Scheme (VRES)

Learning Contract

This VRES Learning Contract must be completed by you and your supervisor/s. You will need to meet with your supervisor(s) to discuss and agree on:

- a work schedule (project start and end dates, roster of hours)
- a meeting schedule (you are expected to meet regularly with your supervisor(s) throughout the VRES period)
- the research activities you will undertake, including expected outcomes and deliverables
- any ethics approval requirements if data collection is being undertaken.

If you have more than one supervisor, please also ask them to sign in the “Acknowledgement of Project Details” section below. This is different to the “Alternative supervisor/s” section below which is only to be used if the Primary supervisor is expected to be absent at any point during VRES.

We invite VRES scholars to discuss any potential barriers to accessing VRES and to request reasonable adjustments at any stage of the process. Information can be included below or emailed to the Graduate Research Centre at hdr@qut.edu.au.

Student Name	Gaurang Aggarwal	
Student ID	11571373	
Supervisor Name/s	Dr. Steven Bickley, Dr. Ho Fai (Ben) Chan	
Project Title	Unravelling Software Innovation: Insights from GitHub Data	
Project Location ¹	Hybrid (Primarily in-person Level 7 Z Block Garden's Point campus)	
Project Duration ²	Start date:	18 th November, 2024
	End date:	7 th February, 2024
	Days/hours per week:	12-15 hours per week
Planned absences for the project duration	Student:	20 Dec to 6 Jan
	Primary Supervisor:	20 Dec to 6 Jan
	Alternative supervisor/s during Primary Supervisor absence:	20 Dec to 6 Jan

Meeting Schedule	e.g. Weekly meetings with supervisor/research team Tuesday and Wednesday
Research activities to be completed	e.g. Literature search, data collection Literature review, data analysis, report writing
Expected Outcomes	e.g. Literature review, data analysis Literature review, data analysis, maximum 30 page research paper
Deliverables	e.g. Oral presentation, poster, report Oral presentation, report, best 2025 conference
Resources Required ³	e.g. computer, desk Desk at Level 7, Gephi, PyCharm

¹ VRES scholars are expected to undertake research on a QUT campus or distributed site or at QIMR Berghofer. If the student is required to undertake any activities off campus/site, it is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that the student has access to appropriate resources and that the student undertakes health and safety training. The Faculty may request evidence to determine that appropriate approvals and agreements are in place regarding intellectual property, ethics and insurance.

² VRES scholars are expected to undertake 120-150 hours in total (over 6–10 weeks between 1 November 2024 and 21 February 2025).

³ It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that the necessary resources are made available to the student, including any reasonable adjustments identified by the student.

Acknowledgement of Project Details


I confirm I agree to the project details contained in the VRES Learning Contract.

Gaurang Aggarwal
Student Name

Gaurang Aggarwal
Student Signature

23rd October 2024
Date

Dr Steve Bickley
Primary Supervisor Name


Supervisor Signature

23 October 2024
Date

Dr Ho Fai Chan
Additional Supervisor Name


Supervisor Signature

23 October 2024
Date

Additional Supervisor Name

Supervisor Signature

Date

Completed form to be uploaded to student's VRES Offer Response Form by 11:59pm, Friday 25 Oct 2024.