

Disability Adviser

Student Services & Wellbeing

Administrative Division



**the university
for the real world**

About QUT

QUT is a major Australian university with a global outlook and a 'real world' focus. We are one of the nation's fastest growing research universities and our courses are in high demand.

We are an ambitious and collaborative institution that seeks to equip our students and graduates with the skills they will need in an increasingly disrupted and challenged world. We are transforming the student experience we offer our 50,000 students and we place a premium on the international and national accreditation of our various professional degrees.

Our internationally award-winning Science and Engineering Centre is home to The Cube, acknowledged as one of the world's largest digital interactive learning and display spaces. QUT established the world's first Creative Industries Faculty, and we invest heavily in collaborative learning and interdisciplinary research environments, including the \$95M Education Precinct.

Further information about QUT can be obtained from the website at www.qut.edu.au.

Our Vision

QUT's [Blueprint 6](#) is our institutional strategic plan. The Blueprint formalises QUT's ambitions and declares our strong sense of purpose which is to provide transformative education and research relevant to our communities. It provides a framework and strategies to enable QUT to realise our vision to be the university for the real world and identifies the following priorities:

- support aspiration and inclusion
- encourage creativity and entrepreneurship
- embrace digital transformation and technology
- embed principles of health and wellbeing
- support Indigenous Australian engagement, success and empowerment
- enable professional engagement and ethical leadership and,
- focus on the environment and sustainability

Aligned to and supporting our vision are the QUT Values. These Values highlight what makes QUT distinct and successful. Providing a compass for our decisions, actions and behaviours and strengthening our community.

QUT Values

- Ambition
- Curiosity
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness

About the Administrative Division

The Division plays an integral role in assisting the University to achieve its teaching, research and service goals in two important ways: firstly by providing management and support services in relation to students and staff through a range of operations; and secondly through its role as the custodian of the University's legislative obligations and standards, governance and policy.

About Student Services and Wellbeing

The Student Services and Wellbeing portfolio leads the university-wide strategy and coordination of all non-academic matters related to the student experience. The portfolio of Student Services and Wellbeing delivers a range of services across the student life cycle, as well as providing advice and leadership to the university on a broad range of student and staff matters, including social justice and public policy.

Student Services and Wellbeing consists of the following departments: Student Administration, HiQ & Student Engagement, Equity, Student Services and Health, Safety & Environment (HSE). The portfolio also has strong links to and works closely with QUT's Oodgeroo Unit and Human Resources.

Student Services and Wellbeing aspires to be a collaborative, distinctive and innovative department that makes a real and positive difference to students, from pre-tertiary to graduation and beyond. The portfolio is focused on delivering services to support the university's commitment to an exceptional student experience, leading to positive outcomes in success, retention and completion. This includes developing a campus culture which is inclusive, safe, and respectful for all students and staff.

About the Position

The Disability Adviser will work in collaboration with the Disability Services team to facilitate support for students with a disability, injury or health condition; and to contribute to related aspects of equitable access and participation for students.

This position reports to the Disability Services Manager for supervision, workload management and for Performance Planning and Review (PPR).

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide guidance, assistance and information to students and prospective students with a disability.
- Recommend and negotiate reasonable adjustments required for individual students registered with the Disability Services Program and assist the relevant parties to implement them appropriately and in a timely manner.
- Liaise with QUT partners in faculties and divisions to coordinate services for students with a disability.
- Contribute to the development, continuous improvement, and monitoring of university policy and procedures relating to equitable access and participation of students with a disability, in conjunction with relevant university committees and working parties.
- Keep abreast of relevant developments in state and federal legislation and in best practice service provision, including emerging technology and equipment.
- Provide professional development for university staff on disability issues relevant to students in higher education.
- Provide reports and submissions to the Student Services department, university committees, and faculties and divisions, as required.
- Compliance with health and safety policies, procedures, hazard reporting and safe work practices.

To ensure job flexibility the successful appointee may be required to:

- perform any other duties as nominated by the university consistent with the relevant classification descriptors detailed in the Enterprise Agreement. Staff undertaking any new duties will receive training;
- participate in job rotation or multiskilling in consultation with their supervisor;
- work across campuses.

Type of appointment

This appointment will be offered on an ongoing, full-time basis.

Location

Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campus.

Selection Criteria

1. Education, training and/or experience equivalent to postgraduate qualifications or progress towards postgraduate qualifications in the fields of health science, social science, education or other appropriate area with major studies in disability.
2. Demonstrated significant experience in working with people with a disability, injury or health condition in inclusive settings.
3. Demonstrated sound knowledge of federal and state government legislation and initiatives relating to disability, particularly as they apply to students in higher education.
4. Demonstrated understanding of the impact of disabilities upon teaching and learning processes at a tertiary level, and of the provision of reasonable adjustments.
5. Highly effective oral and interpersonal communication skills including negotiation and advocacy skills, and high level written communications skills.
6. Ability to work as an effective member of a team and to collaborate across organisational boundaries in a large organisation.
7. Proven digital literacy and records management skills including the ability to engage with an online case management system.

Remuneration and Benefits

The classification for this position is Higher Education Worker Level 8 (HEW8) which has an annual remuneration range of \$114,686 to \$129,990 pa. Which is inclusive of an annual salary range of \$97,738 to \$110,781 pa and 17% superannuation.

In July 2020 QUT staff voted in favour of a variation to its Enterprise Agreements. The variations were approved by the Fair Work Commission in August 2020.

The variation impacts leave loading (for new staff no loading will be paid or accrued during the period the variation is in effect), salary increases (the salary increase which was due to occur in the first full pay period of December 2020 has been deferred until the first full pay period of December 2021) and superannuation (superannuation will be paid to staff as though the salary increase which would have been paid in December 2020 has taken effect and, subject to the rules of the superannuation fund, a defined benefit member will continue to make contributions in alignment with the contributions made by the University). A link to the variation is [here](#).

Beyond personal and professional fulfilment, a career at QUT brings a broad range of tangible benefits. With competitive remuneration including superannuation, the University offers real and generous benefits.

QUT is a high quality and flexible organisation that is proud of its excellent employment conditions which include but are not limited to:

- Reduced working year scheme
- Parental leave provisions
- Study support encompassing leave and financial assistance
- Comprehensive professional development
- Salary Packaging

Further benefits can be found at the [Working at QUT](#) page.