D-Cubed Project Information Sheet

Project title: ‘A Review of the Dissemination Strategies used by Projects Funded by the ALTC Grants Scheme’
Ethics approval number: A/10/230

ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT
This research project examines the effectiveness of Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) dissemination strategies for embedding and consolidating research project outcomes, including projects funded by ALTC grants from 2006 through 2009. Our investigation will confirm if the ALTC dissemination framework is achieving the desired outcomes and determine necessary refinements to the framework in response to the changing needs of the sector. We are seeking the input of attendees at D-Cubed workshops. Our project takes an engaged dissemination approach, meaning that stakeholders are active participants in the construction of meaning throughout the project. Your responses will inform project outcomes. The workshops are integral to engaged dissemination, in that they provide opportunities for exchange between the project team and project stakeholders. Another benefit of the workshops is to provide strategic professional development to key support staff. This phase of the research is ongoing until December 2010.

PARTICIPATION
Participating in this research project is voluntary and deciding not to participate will involve no consequences to you, including loss of benefits or grants to which you might otherwise be entitled. You may withdraw participation at any time during the workshop without providing an explanation. In contributing your views, use your professional judgment, considering any possible risks of others in the workshop hearing those views. You should take your time to think about whether you wish to participate in this study. Your informed consent is implied by participation in the workshop.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF DATA
We will maintain the confidentiality of participants throughout the project. The information you provide will be used only for the purposes of this research project, including future publications and reports. Workshop data is collected in such a way that comments are not attributable to you. Because of this, however, you cannot withdraw from the project after the end of the workshop.

FEEDBACK
The activities and outcomes of the Dissemination Investigation Project will be disseminated through online and face-to-face forums, and by written report upon completion of the project. The Project Final Report will be available in 2011 from the ALTC website (www.altc.edu.au).

CONCERNS ABOUT CONDUCT OF RESEARCH
If you have any concerns about the way this research project is being conducted, you can raise them with the Principal Researchers. If you prefer an independent person, contact the Chairperson of the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of the Sunshine Coast (c/- the Research Ethics Officer, Teaching and Research Services, University of the Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore DC 4558; Telephone 07 5459 4574; Facsimile 07 5430 1177; Email humanethics@usc.edu.au).

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