

# HUMN 7037 RESEARCHER ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 800209

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**Description** Maximising impact requires strategy. In addition to an extensive relationship-building with external parties as well as a general commitment to knowledge translation, achieving impact also means being strategic with research design from the earliest stages of project planning. Who is your research targeted to? What are the broader social aims of your research? Which individuals and organisations might have a stake in the outcomes of your research? What are the relevant disciplinary, policy, economic, industry, and social contexts for your research? What barriers or opportunities exist within these contexts? What social media and other communication platforms are available for you to transfer knowledge? What types of public communication should you engage in, and at what stages of your research? This subject will explore how to design research projects with such questions in mind, by combining collaborative workshops with assessments tailored specifically to your own circumstances. Whatever stage your research is at, you will have the opportunity to produce output that will feed into your broader impact or engagement objectives.

**School** Graduate Research School

**Discipline** Studies In Human Society

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a PhD program or program 8111 - Graduate Certificate in Researcher Engagement, Development and Impact.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Evaluate the role of innovation and creativity in research;
2. Demonstrate evidence of skills, personal attributes and experiences gained in an ePortfolio;
3. Reflect on own performance and identify own development needs;
4. Initiate research networks and relationships with colleagues, mentors and peers;
5. Appreciate the importance of engagement and the impact of research on society;
6. Translate their discipline to audiences both inside and outside the academy.

## Subject Content

- How to become an engaging researcher
- How to communicate with confidence
- Effective collaboration skills
- Networking skills/extending outwards

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## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Portfolio	2,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Essay	1,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Presentation	5 minutes plus Q&A	S/U	Y	Individual	Y