

COMPETITIVE GRANTS 2006

PROJECT & TEAM DETAILS

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>“Recognition, development and enhancement of the contribution of sessional teachers to teaching and learning: a suite of resources for policy-makers, professional developers, faculty, and sessional teachers”</i>
<i>Priority Area</i>	Sessional teachers
<i>Lead Institution</i>	University of NSW and James Cook University
<i>Partner Institutions</i>	CADAD project team institutions: University of Canberra, University of New England, University of South Australia, Southern Cross University, University of Western Australia, University of Wollongong

PROJECT SUMMARY

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

The project will give data on the diversity of sessional staff, their numbers and the breadth of their contribution to the sector. It will also make available high-quality resources to be used by institutions, developers and sessional teachers to provide enhanced opportunities for sessional teachers' recruitment, training and career development.

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

The project will use a double iteration of information collation and validity testing, through a triangulation model. This will be carried out with two sets of 8 institutions (representing the sector's diversity). Progressively refined sets of resources will be produced to enable institutions and developers to self-assess, monitor and evaluate a range of 'best practice' policies and practices for the recruitment, induction, training and career development of sessional staff. The project team will encourage a 'community of practice' ethos across the sector, with opportunities to comment on work in progress, through CADAD membership/meetings, a website, and stand-alone and shared meetings. An information leaflet will be sent to all institutions, desktop published resource materials will be available to the sector, and materials will be uploaded for integration into Carrick RIN. There will be a national 'Sessional Teaching Staff Conference' to showcase the final materials and illustrate use of the developed benchmark standards.

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

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