

## PRIORITY PROJECTS 2006

### PROJECT & TEAM DETAILS

<i>Project Title</i>	<b>Develop and implement a pilot program of external peer review of teaching in selected Australian Universities.</b>
<i>Priority Area</i>	<b>Peer Review</b>
<i>Lead Institution</i>	<b>University of New South Wales</b>
<i>Partner Institutions</i>	<b>University of Adelaide, University of Canberra, Griffith University</b>

### PROJECT SUMMARY

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

A capacity within universities to recognise and reward teaching excellence by the establishment of tools and a model whereby teaching, like research, may be externally peer reviewed, by the development and trial of a robust procedure to improve the evaluation of teaching within the academic promotion process.

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

Protocols will be established to implement and trial a process of external summative peer review of learning and teaching, to be used in academic promotions.

The participating universities will appoint local peer review teams comprised of a staff member well credentialed in learning and teaching and a discipline-specific peer reviewer that will observe applicants' teaching activities and preparing summative evaluation reports.

An external peer review panel will consider those reports together with the applicants' teaching portfolio and, drawing on the multiple forms of evidence, make a determination as to the quality of each applicant's teaching excellence. The panel's report will be returned to the home university to be used by academic promotion committees within that university.

**To assist in analysis and web searches please list key descriptors/ search words ie. Themes /Target Groups/ Disciplines addressed. For example: Multicultural, Deans, Biology,**

External peer review teaching, summative evaluation teaching, peer observation teaching, academic promotion.

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