

Summer Studentships 2026/2027

PROJECT TITLE:
The utility of an e-learning module for LGBTIQ+ in medical education

AIM:
To evaluate the current e-learning module to inform improvements for the next iteration of this e-learning module

METHODS:
Qualitative (focus group)

RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE:
Medical students must understand and be able to consult with LGBTIQ+ patients in a safe, respectful and confident manner. This research evaluates the current e-learning module in order to effect appropriate improvements to ensure the module is relevant, appropriate and engaging for medical students.

STUDENT'S ROLE AND EXPOSURE TO SCIENTIFIC METHOD:
The student will be supported in developing their qualitative research skills and knowledge. The student will analyse focus group data, with support from supervisors. The student will then utilise the findings to update the e-learning module in collaboration with the e-Learning Facilitator at the Wellington campus. The student will also have the opportunity to contribute to co-author a publication once findings are complete. The revised module will be implemented with the 4 th year medical students commencing February 2027.

RELEVANT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS (Education or Research):

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Host Department:	Dept Primary Health Care, FoM, Wellington Campus	
Location:	Wellington (includes all UOW students across Wellington and Central NZ including Palmerston North and Hawke's Bay)	
	Can students work remotely?	Yes for some of the time