

# QUOCKA Survey Student Projects Policy

1. An undergraduate or postgraduate student whose degree requirements depend on *QU Observations at Cm wavelength using Km baselines with the ATCA* (QUOCKA) data, project-funded hardware, and/or software must first apply to be a Member of the QUOCKA team as per the conditions and procedures defined in the QUOCKA Membership and Data Access Policy document and then must obtain formal recognition of their research project as an QUOCKA Student Project.
2. A QUOCKA Student Project is a well-defined research project that depends on QUOCKA data, hardware, and/or software, and that will be conducted primarily by an undergraduate or postgraduate student in pursuit of his/her degree.
3. At least one of the supervisors of the student must be a member of the QUOCKA team.
4. The procedure for obtaining formal recognition of a research project as a QUOCKA Student Project is as follows:
  - a. Any individual member of the QUOCKA team who is not themselves a student (i.e. their supervisor) can nominate a student project to be recognized as a QUOCKA Student Project;
  - b. Nominations for QUOCKA Student Projects must be sent to the entire QUOCKA team (via email to [quocka@lists.csiro.au](mailto:quocka@lists.csiro.au)), and must include a brief description of the project (at least 2-3 paragraphs detailing the area and what scientific problem will be investigated using QUOCKA data), the names of the project supervisor(s), the name of the student, the degree which the student is undertaking, the institute(s) with which the student is affiliated, and the likely start and finish dates for the student's participation in QUOCKA activities;
  - c. Individual members of the QUOCKA team who have concerns or disputes regarding such a nomination should communicate these issues to the PI within two weeks of receiving the nomination;
  - d. Within four weeks of receiving the nomination, the PI will either adjudicate on the nomination, or will refer the matter to the three other members of the Leadership Team for their decision;
  - e. If a nomination is approved, the PI will announce this decision to the entire QUOCKA Collaboration (via email to [quocka@lists.csiro.au](mailto:quocka@lists.csiro.au)), and will add this project to the list of active QUOCKA Student Projects published on the internal QUOCKA wiki page. The project details submitted during the application will also be available at that website.
5. Designation as a QUOCKA Student Project is granted for a limited term.
  - a. QUOCKA Student Projects are valid for a term of three (3) years beginning on the date of the written formal approval by the PI for a PhD student. For Honours

and Masters students, the project is valid for the length of their degree to a limit of three (3) years;

- b. At the end of the three-year term, upon discontinuation of the project, or at conferment of the degree, all rights and privileges cease;
  - c. In the event that a student discontinues his/her contributions to a QUOCKA Student Project before the end of the term—either because the student changes research topics or advisors, or changes degree programs, or is no longer enrolled at the host organization, or for any other reason—a notice of discontinuation must be sent by the student or by the original nominator of the project to the PI. The notice must give the name of the student and it must state that the research project has been discontinued. Upon receipt of this notice, any rights and privileges granted to the project will cease;
  - d. In order to extend an unfinished project at the end of the three-year term, a new QUOCKA Student Project request must be submitted in accordance with the procedures in item 4 above unless it can be proven to the PI that the student will be graduating in less than one (1) year from the end of the project term;
  - e. If a project is deemed by the PI to be discontinued without notice, the PI will notify the student and the original nominator. In order to continue the project, the student and/or nominator must demonstrate that the project is active within two weeks of receiving the notice. At the end of two weeks, the PI will either make a final determination on the status of the project, or will refer the matter to the rest of the QUOCKA Leadership Team for their decision. Upon a decision by the PI or by the QUOCKA Leadership Team that a project has been discontinued, any rights and privileges granted to the project will cease.
6. QUOCKA Student Projects are granted the following rights:
    - a. The project is reserved for the student to pursue without competition. Other members of the QUOCKA team are restricted from undertaking overlapping research without the written approval of 1) the student, 2) the original nominator of the project, and 3) the PI.
  7. QUOCKA Student Projects are subject to all conditions and policies of the QUOCKA team.
  8. In the event of a dispute over any aspect of student projects or student participation, the PI will make a recommendation to the QUOCKA Leadership Team, whose decision on the issue will be final.