QUOCKA Survey General Research Project Proposals

1. This document details how non-student members of the QUOCKA team can propose a project and the rights that entails. In the event of any clash with a student project (as detailed in the QUOCKA Survey Student Projects Policy), student projects will always take priority provided they were proposed before the General Research Project proposal.

2. A QUOCKA Survey General Research Project is a well-defined research project that depends largely on QUOCKA data, hardware, and/or software, and that will be conducted primarily by a non-student member of the QUOCKA team.

3. The procedure for obtaining formal recognition of a research project as a QUOCKA General Research Project is as follows:
   a. Any individual member of the QUOCKA team can nominate an area in which they wish to focus their research efforts;
   b. Nominations for QUOCKA General Research Project Projects must be sent to the entire QUOCKA team (via *https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecqbsLmQc5-z291tpjYcjd0k-i0Kby_ nnpr6eEsi1l_mRQbQ/viewform?usp=sf_link*), 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) and the names of other team members who might contribute to the project;
   c. Individual members of the QUOCKA team who have concerns or disputes regarding such a nomination should communicate these issues to the Principal Investigator (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), and will add this project to the list of active QUOCKA General Research Projects published on the internal QUOCKA wiki page. The project details submitted during the application will also be available at that website. Once approved, the research area in which the project is proposed can not be published by another team member without consent from the leader of the proposal.

4. The time period in which the project can be pursued exclusively is for one year. At the end of one year, the PI will contact the leader of the proposal and ask for a progress update, unless a publication has been submitted in that time frame. If the PI deems that there has not been significant progress in the area, the project will be deemed inactive and open to other members of the QUOCKA team to research and propose as a General project.

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