



INVITATION
Contract Cheating and Assessment Design Symposium
University of South Australia, Adelaide
13 April 2017

Dear Invited Guest,

We are writing to invite you to the *Contract Cheating and Assessment Design Symposium* to be held on 13 April 2017 at the University of South Australia, Adelaide.

The Symposium will share preliminary findings from the project [Contract Cheating and Assessment Design: Exploring the Connection](#), a Strategic Priority Project funded by the Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching (now Department of Education and Training). The project team will present ground-breaking data from two large Australia-wide surveys – one of students and one of staff – which explored attitudes toward and experiences with students’ use of third parties to complete assessment, and related individual, contextual and institutional factors. The data will provide the higher education sector with a clearer understanding of the relationship between university learning and assessment environments and contract cheating behavior in Australia. The surveys were conducted at 12 institutions (including eight universities and four pathway colleges), and over 15,000 students and 1,200 teaching staff responded.

The Symposium will release critical findings of national interest, and stimulate discussion in relation to the following:

- Self-reported rates of contract cheating, and the relationship with discipline, mode of study, age and other variables
- Differences between institutional groupings (Go8, non-Go8, and pathway/training colleges)
- Implications for assessment design, and teaching and learning more broadly

In the next phase of the project, the survey data and symposium discussion will be used to develop the project’s primary output: a web-based assessment design framework that minimizes the potential for

students to use third party assistance in completing their assessments. Don't miss the opportunity to gain pre-publication access to data which will give your university a unique advantage in responding to this serious threat to academic integrity.

Event details

Date:

Thursday, 13 April, 2017

Time:

1 pm – 4 pm

Venue:

Room RR5-09 (Rowland Rees Building)
University of South Australia
City West Campus, Adelaide

RSVP: 20 March 2017

Attendance at the Symposium is by invitation only. If you would like to attend, please register [here](#)*

**Places are limited, so we advise invitees to RSVP at their earliest convenience to confirm their attendance.*

For further information:

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We look forward to seeing you at the Symposium!

With best wishes,

Project Co-leaders, Associate Professor Tracey Bretag and Dr Rowena Harper
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This project is led by the University of South Australia, with partner institutions: The University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, Griffith University, and Swansea University, UK.