

## Early Career Researcher Fund 2022 Progress Report

Email your completed Progress Report to [bmasey@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:bmasey@unitec.ac.nz) before **5pm on Wednesday, 31 August 2022**. Instructions in red italics may be removed before submission.

<b>Researcher:</b>	Nigel Pizzini
<b>Project Title:</b>	Investigating the supports and constraints encountered by male high school students needing to engage with the school counsellor
<b>Amount of Grant:</b>	\$10,900

### Provide an update on the project's overall progress

*Summarise progress towards your aims/objectives; note any highlights of your project to date.*

### Outline progress with respect to the relevant milestones identified in your application for funding

Milestone Date	Anticipated Achievement	Activities and Progress
<b>Phase One</b>		
June, 2021	Complete UREC approval	Completed
July, 2021	Invite participation from applicable schools	Completed
Sept, 2021	Receipt of data sets	Completed
October, 2021	Interpretation and analysis of data sets	Completed
Nov, 2021	Write up preliminary findings – accepted for the National School Guidance Counsellor Conference, Mauri Ora, Wellington*	Completed School Counsellor Conference was cancelled due to Covid. Findings were presented at Unitec/MIT Research Symposium, with article in press (ePress 2022)
<b>Phase Two</b>		
March, 2022	UREC approval for Phase Two	Completed
April, 2022	Secure informed consent agreements from 10 schools	Completed – Direct approach was made to 80 schools. Informed consent agreements entered into with 7.
Aug, 2022	Commence site visits (administer surveys and focus groups)	Currently being undertaken. Four school site visits have been completed with the remaining three scheduled for the next three weeks.

Sept, 2022	Analysis of data	Anticipated for Writing Retreat, November. 2022
Oct, 2022	Write up findings	TBC
Dec, 2022	Estimated completion date	February, 2023

### Outline any variations to your project [if applicable]

*If there have been any changes in terms of timeframes, budget, personnel or planned outputs note these here.*

The only change has been the reduction of school sites. Due to the lack of response and planning time-frames (get complete all site visits during Term 3 (Aug – Sept), only seven schools entered into an agreement in time. One additional school did eventually agree, but I was unable to schedule the site visits before the end of the school term.

### Outline any new opportunities to come from this project so far

*Are there new connections, funding sources or opportunities for your own research, Unitec teams or the work of others which are emerging in this project? How could these opportunities be pursued in this or future projects?*

There are several other topics and research questions that have arisen. These can be developed into future research projects.

### Financial Update

- *Comment on the status of your project's budget.*
- *In the update, keep to the original budget items.*
- *If it is likely that you will not spend all your allocated funding, please articulate this here, as this will give the Unitec Research Committee the option of reallocating funds to other worthy projects.*

It has been impossible to oversee and manage the budget as all travel bookings were undertaken by a third party and the costings were not given to me.

Item	Amount approved	Amount spent to date <sup>1</sup>	Remaining funds (i.e. amount approved less amount spent to date)	Anticipated amount to be spent by the end of the funding term*
Personnel	\$1,500	0	\$1500	\$1500
Teaching buy-out	\$3,300	\$1500	\$1800	\$3300
Professional services	\$500	0	\$500	\$500
Travel and accommodation	\$5,910	unknown	unknown	unknown
Materials	\$400	\$250	\$150	\$400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,610</b>			
<b>Co-funding</b>	<b>\$710 - \$1,000</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>			

\* If the anticipated amount to be spent by the end of the funding term is more or less than the amount approved, please explain why:

Some associated costs for the travel (namely Unitec vehicle hire and airport parking) have not been provided so a detailed report of expenditure is not able to be provided.

<sup>1</sup> If you are unsure, you can check these figures with Asma Muir [amuir@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:amuir@unitec.ac.nz)

**Self-assessment: The Early Career Researcher Fund aims to develop early career researchers' capability, capacity and career progression as a Principal Investigator on a high-quality applied research project. How well do you believe you have managed your project to date?**

Very well. Once the schools were secured, the project has gone very well.

**Have you completed the "Managing a research contract" course on Moodle?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

**Do you wish to highlight any other matters relevant to this project?**

Yes ☐

No ☒

**Reminders:**

- There will be no rollover of funds into 2023.
- All purchase orders, invoices, expense claims and applications to travel connected with your project must be signed off by the Director Research and Enterprise.
- You must notify Tūāpapa Rangahau of publications as and when they occur (via email to [research@unitec.ac.nz](mailto:research@unitec.ac.nz)).
- You must notify Tūāpapa Rangahau of any significant changes to your planned research.
- A final report on your project is due before 31 March 2023.

**NB:** Please keep in mind that in addition to the Unitec Research Committee, your report may be viewed by the Chief Executive, Heads of School and/or external stakeholders. Any problems or issues that you would prefer not to highlight in this report can be discussed, in confidence if requested, with the Director of Research and Enterprise, your Research Partner or with Brenda Massey, Senior Grants Advisor.