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Innovation in Disability

The Disability Innovation Institute facilitates interdisciplinary disability research and educational pedagogy, driving innovations in accessible and inclusive practice and policy to produce sustainable change for disadvantaged communities.

Competitive advantage

- A world-first initiative that connects scholars, community, industry, services, government and practitioners, both nationally and internationally
- Unique, interdisciplinary perspective in partnership with people with disability, combining disability studies with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) research and the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Impact

- A world-first initiative that conducts whole of university interdisciplinary research to design accessible and inclusive working, living and learning environments; generate innovative technologies; and create inclusive law, policy, services and communities
- Successful applications
- Harnessing virtual reality games for disability awareness
- Achieving best outcomes for children with autism
- Data governance and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Disability employment and the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Pathways to preventive care for people with a severe mental illness
- Mobile technology as a tool to increase social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities

Capabilities and resources

- A unique connection between scholars, the community, industry, services, government and practitioners to transform the lives of people with disability
- The scale and capacity to address the current global challenges to the participation and leadership of people with disability in all aspects of society
- Interdisciplinary research seminars and deliberative dialogues
- Seed funding for research teams to conduct innovative and inclusive research
- Access to over one-hundred leading researchers engaged in disability-related scholarship

Our partners

- Government
- Industry
- People with disability and representative organisations

More Information

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