

# Fellow Profile



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Joy Higgs AM PhD PFHEA 35 years in higher education. Published over 40 books and 380 papers/chapters in professional practice, employability, research and higher education. Higher Education Consultant, Director of EPEN, and Emeritus Professor.

**Fellowship title:** Practice-based education: enhancing practice and pedagogy

**Year completed:** 2011

**Expertise key words:** Professional practice, higher education

**What did you achieve?:** DURING THE FELLOWSHIP extensive staff and curriculum development activities were pursued within the home university (CSU) leading to curriculum enhancement of practice-based education (PBE), greater staff knowledge and capabilities in PBE and strengthened foundations for research and scholarship including doctoral research. Nationally a range of interstate seminars, a website and collaborative scholarship projects expanded national engagement with PBE. 3 books and over 90 chapters and papers were published from this collaborative work demonstrating the scope and value of PBE in an international arena. Key benefits from the fellowship include building capabilities of academics in the use of the extensive range of PBE strategies to enhance curriculum design and students' learning experiences and outcomes and a flourishing of research and scholarship in this field. The core products "Good PBE Practices – A Model of PBE Pedagogy" and "Practice-Based Education: A Framework for Professional Education" were widely presented and debated during the Fellowship events and via the website.

FOLLOWING THE FELLOWSHIP ongoing education and research activities continued through the Education, Practice and Employability Network I established ([www.epen.edu.au/](http://www.epen.edu.au/)) and doctoral research supervision and research have continued to expand and disseminate advanced knowledge and educational practice in this field. A key scholarship endeavour has drawn together leaders in PBE and evolving topics including employability. Currently three books arising from this collaboration involving ALTF fellows, are in production: "Challenging future practice possibilities"; "Education for Employability I: The employability agenda"; "Education for Employability II: Learning for Future Possibilities".

**What does the sector need now?:** Commitment to good education amidst political, economic and survival imperatives.



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