

## UQ appoints life science execs

The University of Queensland has appointed two experienced life science executives as its “Smart Futures Entrepreneurs-in-Residence” – a new program aimed at strengthening UQ’s ties with business.

According to the Queensland government, the scheme is aimed at strengthening the state’s performance in developing marketable products and services from research by bringing respected business experience to research-based institutions.

UQ has appointed former CSL chief research officer Professor David Gearing and Alchemia Vice-President Kris Dyszynski to the roles.

The university said the fellowships may see the pair participate in growing early stage companies into start-ups, propose business structures for start-ups, and mentor research students.

Gearing, currently Professor of Biotechnology R&D at Monash University, will be based at UQ’s Queensland Brain Institute.

Dyszynski will remain in San Diego, working with scientists from UQ’s Centre for Integrated Preclinical Drug Development and its commercial arm TetraQ, to build international links with new collaborators and investors.