

Prof. Robert Cummins

Position	Personal Chair
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Role and Profile	Professor Cummins holds a Personal Chair in Psychology. He mainly teaches at Post-Graduate level, is an active researcher and supervises higher degree students.
Teaching Responsibilities	Unit Chair for: Unit Chair HPS978 – Biological and Neuropsychological Perspective on Disorder Melbourne campus at Burwood, Coordinator – Colloquia Program
Research Interests	Quality of life Subjective well-being Happiness and satisfaction
Service to the University, discipline or community	International Society for Quality of Life Studies 2006-2008: President Elect Australian Centre on Quality of Life 2000- : Convenor International Wellbeing Group 2002- : Founding co-ordinator Faculty Ethics Committee 2007 : Deputy and Acting Chair Faculty Board 2000- : Member
Awards	2004: Best paper published in Social Indicators Research in 2003 (Cummins, R.A., Eckersley, R., Pallant, J., Van Vugt, J. & Misajon, R.) awarded by the International Society for Quality of Life Studies. 2004: Faculty Academic of the Year Award, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences. Awarded by the Deakin University Student Association. 2004: Victorian Public Health Award for Capacity Building Excellence (Cummins, R.A., Davern, M., Hunter, B. James, A.M., Okerstrom, E., McMillan, D., Eckersley, R. & Lo, S.K.). Awarded by the Victorian Department of Human Services.

2005: Designated 'Expert of International Standing in Quality of Life Research' by the Australian Research Council College of Experts.

2006: Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, Springer.

- Memberships**
- Australian Association for Social Research
 - Australian Association for Cognitive and Behavior Therapy
 - Australian Evaluation Society
 - Australian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability
 - International Society for Quality of Life Studies
 - International Sociological Association
 - Italian Group on Quality of life (International Honorary Member)
- Conferences**
- Cummins, R.A. (2006). The wellbeing of Families. Invited paper, National Population and Family Development Board, Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, April.
 - Cummins, R.A. (2006). The Australian Unity Wellbeing Index. Invited paper, National Health Research Institute in Taiwan, Melbourne, July.
 - Cummins, R.A. (2006). Uniquely Down-Under: The Australian Unity Wellbeing Index. Plenary address, 6th Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, Grahamstown, South Africa, July.
 - Cummins, R.A. (2006). Why HRQOL is not QOL: Theory, data, and the FDA. Plenary address, Health Outcomes Conference, Canberra, August.
 - Cummins, R.A. (2006). Measuring the subjective wellbeing of Australia: Six years of data. Plenary address, International Symposium on the Well-Being of Nations, National Central University, Jhongli, Taiwan, November.
- Publications**
- Cummins, R.A. (2005). Moving from the Quality of Life Concept to a theory. In R. Schalock (Ed.). *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research – Special Issue on Quality of Life*, 49, 699-706.
 - Cummins, R.A. (2005). Issues in the systematic assessment of quality of life. In: J. Hogg & A. Langa (Eds.), *Approaches to the assessment of adults with intellectual disability: A service provider's guide* (pp. 9-22). London: Blackwell Publishing.
 - Cummins, R.A., & Lau, A.L.D. (2006). Using health and subjective wellbeing for quality of life measurement: A review. In: L. Bauld, K Clarke & T Maltby (Eds.), *Social Policy Review* 18 (pp. 165-192). Bristol: Policy Press.
 - Davern, M., & Cummins, R.A. (2006). Is life dissatisfaction the opposite of life satisfaction? *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 58(1), 1-7.
 - Tiliouine, H., Cummins, R.A., & Davern, M. (2006). Measuring Wellbeing in Developing Countries: The Case of Algeria. *Social Indicators Research*, 75, 1-30.

Professor Cummins has collaborated to produce a large number of tests, indexes and reports for Australian Unity. They can be viewed by following the links:

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