

## UQ NMSW Summer Research Project

<b>Project title:</b>	<b>Enhancing student engagement across the lifecycle of a degree program</b>
<b>Project duration:</b>	6 weeks
<b>Description:</b>	This project will identify and develop good practice principles in bringing together co-curricular and curricular strategies to enhance student engagement across the nursing, midwifery and social work programs. The project utilises a sense of success framework (Lizzio, 2010). Sense of success has previously been linked to increased retention, increased student engagement and increased satisfaction with studies (Thomas, 2012). The project will identify strategies to enhance students' sense of <b>capability, purpose, resourcefulness, connection</b> and <b>identity</b> in their program by systematically partnering with students to improve both the quality of their educational experience and their working relationship with academics. The summer scholarship will involve phase I of the project which will include surveying students completing years 1 – 4 of their programs and assisting with running of focus groups and data analysis in conjunction with the academic staff member of the project team. The data will be used to identify student engagement strategies for implementation in semester 1, 2018.
<b>Expected outcomes and deliverables:</b>	Students will develop skills in data collection and analysis (quant and qualification), project management and synthesising literature. Students will have the opportunity to develop a manuscript as part of the project tea.
<b>Suitable for:</b>	Senior students in years 3 or 4 of their program. Students can come from any discipline. Able to self-manage basic data (with oversight from academic team).
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