UQ Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	Enhancing student engagement across the lifecycle of a degree program
Project duration:	4 weeks
Description:	This project will build on an earlier project which sought to 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 second phase of the project will evaluate strategies implemented in phase I related to building commencing students' sense of capability, purpose, resourcefulness, connection and identity in their program. The winter scholarship will involve phase II of the project which will include surveying students who have completed the first semester of their program and assist with running of focus groups and data analysis in conjunction with the academic staff members of the project team.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	Students will develop skills in data collection and analysis (quant and qual), project management.
Suitable for:	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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