

Project Selection Criteria

The Student-Staff Partnerships Team and nominated Student Partners co-review and assess all project submissions according to the below criteria.

Scope and motivation

- The submission **addresses a current need or challenge** which impacts the UQ community (e.g. a cohort of UQ students and/or staff).
- The **scope is appropriate** for the project to be completed within approximately 13 weeks, taking into consideration the size of the team and the level of student engagement (their max. contact hours include the 2hr team induction, co-creating the project plan and retrospective report). Please be aware that engaging in authentic partnership takes time.
- The **project is not too well defined**, and is flexible regarding the project methods and outcomes, to enable all members of the team (including new partners) to contribute to the intellectual design and take joint ownership of the project.
- The **scope of the partnership is not for research outcomes only**. If your project focuses exclusively on research outcomes (conduct experiments, publish journal papers etc.), the **Summer and Winter Research Program** may be suitable.
- The project does not propose the **creation of resources or support networks that already exist on campus**. If you are unsure if this has been created before, be sure to reach out to SSP@uq.edu.au

Partnership ethos

- The project aligns to at least one of the three streams of the SSP program: **Governance and Strategy; Student Experience; and/or Teaching and Learning**.
- The submission **aligns with the Student-Staff Partnership ethos** and the **program mission statement and values as detailed on the SSP homepage**. It seeks to engage in the process of co-creation, co-delivery or a collaborative effort between students and staff which is premised upon mutual learning, accountability and shared responsibility (i.e. not task delegation, rather ideation and collaboration). Students are valued as colleagues and equal partners.
- The submission articulates **why it is important to address this need or challenge in partnership**. Student voices are critical to address the challenge/s posed by the project instigator.

Team structure

- **We recommend a maximum of 4 student partners per partnership project**. Based upon feedback we received, we recommend 2-3 student partners and 1-2 staff partners per project. In larger teams, effective collaboration and communication can be challenging (e.g. scheduling team meetings).
- **Submissions should have all student partners at the same engagement level** (i.e. grant) to prevent a hierarchy within the team. If a student's availability changes, the level of engagement may be adjusted accordingly.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Student-Staff Partnership Projects team at SSP@uq.edu.au

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