

Student-Staff Partnerships Showcase and Celebration

Tuesday 7 October 2025, 4-6pm
Terrace Room, Sir Llew Edwards Building (14), St Lucia campus



Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to this year's Student-Staff Partnerships Showcase and Celebration.

Today, we gather to celebrate the vibrant and diverse collaborations that have taken place across the UQ community. This showcase is a chance for student and staff partners to reflect on their journeys, share their stories, and inspire new connections.

This year's theme, **Constellations of Partnership**, invites us to explore the many ways partnerships come to life and evolve. Through the lenses of spark, navigate, illuminate, and connect, we celebrate how ideas were first ignited, how teams found direction and overcame challenges, how new perspectives emerged through collaboration, and how each project contributes to the broader constellation of partnerships across UQ.

Thank you for joining us. We hope this event offers you a chance to learn, reflect, and connect—whether you are beginning your partnership journey or continuing to chart new paths together.

Best wishes,

Ben, Dawn, Julian, Minami, Sherry and Winnie
Student-Staff Partnerships Team & Student Advisory Group Members

Keynote abstract

Join Janine Rix, Kelly Hooper and Tania Brooks for a keynote presentation. Their SSP project aimed to understand psychosocial hazards experienced by students in Nursing, Midwifery, and Social Work (NMSW) during practical and clinical placements, including mapping current educational and support mechanisms.

While initial expectations focused on common hazards such as bullying, violence, and sexual harassment, the findings revealed unexpected insights into broader psychosocial risks impacting student wellbeing. By exploring students' lived experiences, the project highlights the need for more nuanced and responsive support systems. The next phase involves co-designing strategies and structures to improve controls, foster psychosocial safety, and empower students to thrive both professionally and personally.

Dr Janine Rix (she/her)

Janine is a Student Experience Coordinator in the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences (HMBS) who has 20+ years of experience working in student learning, support, transition and retention roles at multiple higher education institutions. In 2025, she participated in her fourth Student-Staff Partnership project, and values the invaluable authentic student voice that is highlighted through these projects.

Kelly Hooper

Kelly is a Clinical Lecturer at the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work and the Academic Lead for Student Engagement, Experience and Employability. With a Master’s from Griffith University, she focuses on interprofessional education, simulation-based learning, and enhancing student outcomes through innovative, collaborative healthcare education.

Tania Brooks (she/her)

Tania is the Manager of Health, Safety and Wellness at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences (HMBS). With over 25 years of experience working in research and health care settings, she is passionate about supporting the health and wellbeing of workers in all environments through people-focused engagements. This is Tania’s first SSP experience and she has thoroughly enjoyed the collaborative process of working with students and staff from different perspectives.

Program

Showcase	
3:30–4pm	Registration
4pm	Open and Acknowledgement of Country Winnie Ma
4:05pm	Welcome Address Dr Dino Willox
4:10pm	Keynote Address Illuminating the Journey – The Power of Partnership in Student Placement Wellbeing Dr Janine Rix, Kelly Hooper and Tania Brooks
Lightning Talks	
4:30pm	Shaping Careers Together: Student Insights on Postgraduate Employability in the School of Public Health Caitlin Miller and Razia H Esufally
	Illuminating the complex journey of a UQ coffee cup Giuzel Safiullova and Nathan Cook
	Designing with different lenses Mriganka Iyer and Paras Verma
4:50pm	2026 Student-Staff Partnership opportunities Ben Stephens
5pm	End of showcase – time to celebrate! Julian Palacios
End of Year Celebration	
5–6pm	Canapes and refreshments

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