



The Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Unit

A model of facilitating university-community research
partnerships for the common good

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What is the SESU?



Little engagement beyond academic circles



Investigator-led



Facilitator of community-engaged scholarship



Scholarship in response to partners' needs



In practical terms...

EOIs from community to pitch their research idea

Broker relationships between community and academics

Community partners and academics form a project team, which:

- Is non-hierarchical
- Co-designs the research to meet partner needs
- Is collaborative in the delivery of project, to the extent it's feasible for partners
- Produces practical outputs fit-for-purpose



Benefits

Opportunity

Partners

Accessible way to engage university resources

Cost-saving

Capacity-building

ACU staff

Join impactful projects and engage meaningfully with partners

Supported by time allocation and resources

Live the mission of the University

The enablers

Project hours in academic workload system

Funds for project budgets and to reimburse organisational units so their usual work continues

University policy

Advisory Group with community representatives



Our partners

Establishing a respectful working partnership between university and an Aboriginal community-based organisation

Room 1

Understanding the “partner” in partnerships: A case study of effective university-community research partnering

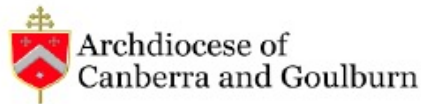
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Participatory action to overcome the barriers to psychosocial care and capacity building

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Co-designing an evaluation of an intervention program to assist students with refugee backgrounds

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