

School of Nursing & Midwifery

Summer Research Internship Program

Information and Guidelines for Students

2026/2027

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Program Overview

Welcome to the 2026/2027 Summer Research Internship Program at the School of Nursing & Midwifery. We invite applications from students at any stage of their course-undergraduate, postgraduate and Higher Degree by Research-to undertake a supervised research internship for a period of eight weeks.

This program offers students the opportunity to develop their research skills within a real-world research environment, gaining hands-on experience and valuable insights through mentorship and collaboration with experienced researchers.

Internships will run over the summer break and span eight weeks. Each participating student will be awarded an educational grant of $3,500.

During the internship, students will engage in a variety of research activities, including data collection and analysis, report writing, and other research/review tasks. Students can select from the available research project based on their interests. These are listed on the following page.

Please review the key dates carefully. **Applications close on 30th September 2026.**

Key Dates

Date	Milestone
24th August 2026	Applications Open
30th September 2026	Applications Close
1 – 15 October 2026	Application assessment by Supervisors – Successful applicants notified for interview
16 - 31 October 2026	Applicant interviews
November/December 2026	Internship commences (date agreed between intern and supervisor)
19th Dec 2026 – 3rd Jan 2027	**University Holiday**
19th February 2027	Project reports due
22 - 26 February 2027	Project reports reviewed by Associate Dean Research and outcome provided to Intern and Supervisor

Research Projects

The projects available for this internship are listed below.

Project Title	Principal Supervisor
Registered nurse staffing and nurse-sensitive outcomes in residential aged care facilities: An integrative review.	Professor Karen Strickland
Unprofessionalism among nurses and midwives in social media use: An analysis of AHPRA disciplinary and cancellation outcomes, 2010-2026.	Dr Ahmad Mousa
Patients and healthcare professionals' perceptions, attitudes and knowledge of artificial intelligence in cancer care: A scoping review.	Associate Professor Alison Wang
Descriptions and practices of family engagement in emergency care settings: An international, multisite qualitative descriptive study.	Associate Professor Mandy Towell-Barnard
Family caregivers' experiences managing fall risk in older adults after hospital discharge: A qualitative systematic review.	Dr Marcus Ang
Digital technologies for pain management in children with chronic conditions: A scoping review.	Dr Maggie Zgambo
Use of health economic evaluation in nursing and midwifery led clinical trials: A scoping review.	Professor Lisa Whitehead
Association between social frailty and depression in older adults: A systematic review.	Associate Professor Irene Ngune
Healthcare team experiences of safety huddles: A qualitative meta-synthesis.	Associate Professor Rebecca Jarden
What does 'psychological support' mean for nurses and midwives: An integrative review.	Dr Jennifer Hamilton
Siblings of children with a long-term condition: Health information and education needs.	Hannah Tall

Guidelines for Students

Before submitting your application, please carefully read the following:

- **Competitive Selection:** This is a merit-based program. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in these guidelines.
- **Project Completion:** Final project reports must be submitted to snmresearchadmin@ecu.edu.au by the deadline specified in the "Key Dates" section.
- **Educational Grant:** Students will receive 50% of the $3,500 educational grant at the end of week four, with the remaining 50% provided upon submission of the final project report, subject to satisfactory feedback from the Supervisor and the Associate Dean Research. The student acknowledges it is their responsibility to determine personal taxation and Centrelink implications associated with receiving the grant.
- **Program Commitment:** If a student is unable or unwilling to complete the full eight-week internship-due to illness, unforeseen circumstances, or any other reason-the School of Nursing & Midwifery Summer Research Internship Assessing Committee reserves the right to adjust the grant amount. This may, in some cases, result in a student refunding a portion of the educational grant received.
- **Presentation of Research:** Supervisors may request that students present their summer research project outcomes at a public forum.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Enrolment & Academic Progress:** You must be currently enrolled in a course within the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Edith Cowan University and be in good academic standing.
- **Clinical Placement**: Students required to attend clinical placements must prioritise those commitments over the internship.
- **Availability:** You must be available to engage in the internship full-time for the entire eight-week period. Exact dates are to be negotiated with your supervisor and will fall between November 2026 and February 2027 as shown in the "Key Dates" section.
- **Remote Work Requirements:** Most of the internship is expected to take place online and students are required to have access to their own suitable workspace and equipment, including a desk, computer, and reliable internet connection. Any necessary software will be provided.

- **HDR Students on Scholarship**: Full-time HDR students receiving a scholarship may apply; however, participation must comply with the conditions of your scholarship. Written approval is required from both your Principal Supervisor and the Associate Dean Research.

- **Supervision**: You must be available either in person or via online meetings over the summer period to undertake the internship and be supervised by School of Nursing and Midwifery staff.

Project Guidelines

- Only **one student** will be accepted per project.

- Students are welcome to apply for **more than one project**; however, a **separate application** must be submitted for each project.

Contact & Submission Details

If you have any questions about this program, please email snmresearchadmin@ecu.edu.au. To submit an application, please click here.