The Student Experience Survey (SES), a part of QILT, is the largest survey of Australian higher education students and is run on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The aim of the SES is to give students the opportunity to talk about their experience of the institution they are enrolled in and the results of the research are used to help higher education providers and the government gain insight into students’ experiences.

In 2015 all forty Australian universities participated in the SES. Unlike previous years, we also had a total of thirty-nine non-university higher education institutions (NUHEI’s) elect to participate in the survey bringing the total higher education institutions to seventy-nine. This was a great boost to the national sample of students and institutions covered by the SES.

The 2015 SES response rate jumped up significantly this year, shooting from 30% overall to a staggering 38%. This has allowed unprecedented access to large amounts of data and more accurate statistics than ever before.

Satisfaction levels for all focus levels have remained stable for the past two years, with overall satisfaction consistently high at 80%.

There were no notable changes in the results for any SES focus area between 2014 and 2015.