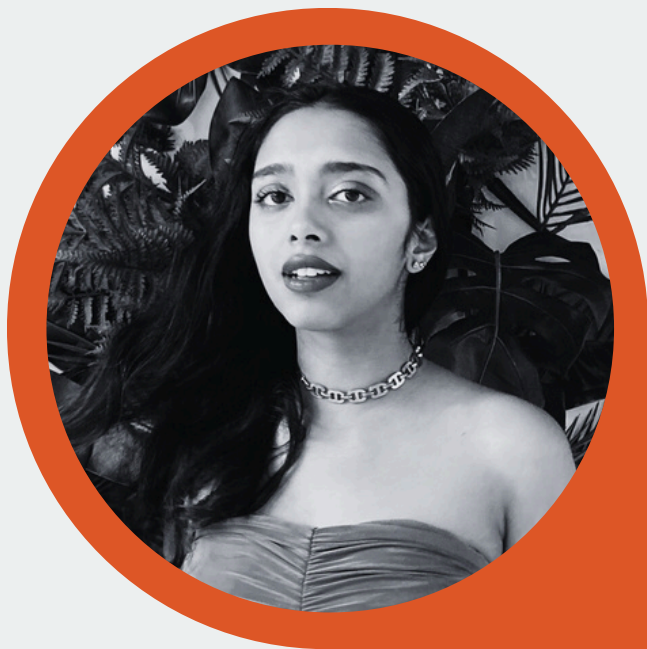# Q-STEP

HEAR FROM OUR Q-STEP STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL

At the University of Essex, *the Q-Step programme* enables students to gain quantitative skills and enhance their degree. By following the Q-Step pathway, they will receive a qualifier award at the end of their degree which will signal to employers their capability in quantitative research.

Pricila Rebecca Fernando
BSc International Business and Entrepreneurship

I was motivated to join the Essex Summer School because I saw it as a great opportunity to learn something new that could help me in running my own business in the future. As a Q-Step student, I was really happy to take part, it made the experience accessible and even more rewarding.

Although I couldn't attend some of the live sessions due to my responsibilities as the newly elected Vice-President Southend, I was very grateful to be provided with the full Zoom recordings. This flexibility allowed me to study in my own time and keep up with the course, as well as stay in touch with my peers and teachers via email.

One of my favourite sessions was on the different ways to collect data, taught by Dr. Quinn Camille. She did a fantastic job delivering the material in a clear and engaging way, and I really appreciated her teaching style.
I would definitely recommend this course [*Mixed Methods Research*] to other students as it's short, flexible, and easy to follow. Plus, you can earn credits for each course after completing a final test, and the certification cost is only £100, which is great value.

Thank you again for organising such a useful and inspiring course. I've learned a lot, and I'm sure it will benefit me in both my academic and entrepreneurial journey.

Megan Campbell
BA Linguistics

I wanted to join the Essex Summer School to help with my final year of studies, and it was a fantastic learning opportunity. I'm glad I took the course, and it met all my expectations.

I chose the **Introduction to Regression** course taught by Professor Tor Georg Jakobsen. I think Tor Georg is a really good teacher, and that made the experience so much better! He was able to break down really complex theories and concepts in detail and give real-life examples. Aside from learning about regression analysis, the most interesting thing I learned in the course had to do with adopting new ways of thinking and new concepts. Before I started the course, I didn't have a very solid foundation of statistics. But the course gave me a lot of confidence to try the computer lab exercises, ask questions, and explore.

I would say that the Summer School has really inspired me. After the course, I went to the library to borrow even more books on quantitative data analysis in relation to linguistics, the course I am taking at university, to see if I could apply what I'd learned to my own interests. The students in my class were of different ages and levels of experience, and from different fields and parts of the world. But I liked that I didn't feel excluded from the conversations because of that. On the contrary, it helped me to see the many different ways and areas in which statistics can be applied.

If you're someone who wants more from your lectures or wants to go a bit slower, and you're keen to be more confident and inspired, then I would recommend taking part in the Summer School. It's a great opportunity to get a different perspective and to learn at your own pace. Give it your full attention, and even if you don't think you know enough, just try because it will be helpful for you in the future.