

Research Definition and QEP Student Learning Outcomes

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The following definition of research was adopted by the UH QEP Planning Committee to be broadly inclusive of research in all disciplines:

Research is a diligent and systematic inquiry or investigation into a subject in order to discover facts or principles, and increase the sum of knowledge, enhance design, or enrich artistic ability.

The following QEP Student Learning Outcomes were defined:

1. *Students will be able to formulate a research question or problem.*
2. *Students will be able to identify basic principles and knowledge related to their research question or problem.*
3. *Students will be able to develop a research plan to address or resolve a specific question or problem.*
4. *Students will be able to collect and interpret data and information in an attempt to resolve the question or problem.*
5. *Students will demonstrate awareness of the responsible conduct of research.*
6. *Students will be able to articulate their research findings through written, performance, and/or oral presentations.*

These QEP student learning outcomes are illustrated graphically in the Research Cycle graphic:

