

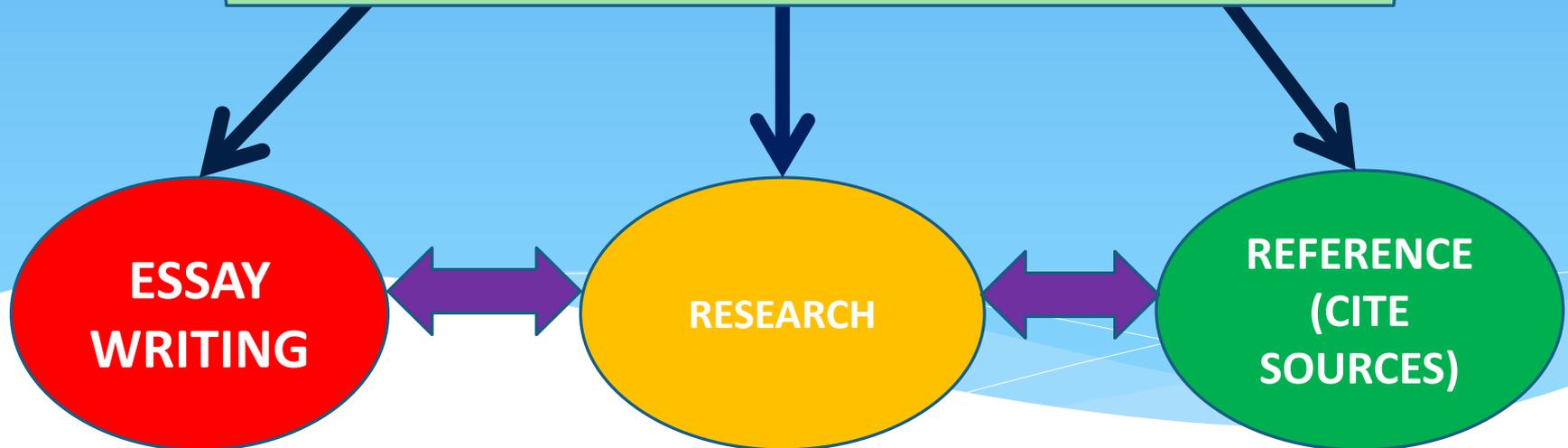


Pacific Immigration Development Community

USP Online Postgraduate Diploma

USP Academic Bridging Programme

Training Presentations for Students Taking the Course





Objectives

Overall: Provide a Guide on Academic Research to support you to write an Essay or Contribute to Online Discussion

- * **Understand what Research is**
- * **Importance of conducting Research (Purposes)**
- * **Data Collection Tools**
- * **Resource Sources**



What is Research?

Research is a learning
and sharing process.
Helps expand our
range of knowledge to
benefit ourselves

“a detailed study of a
subject, especially in
order to discover
(new) information or
reach a (new)
understanding”

Cambridge Dictionary



Purposes of Research

Why Research? / Advantages of conducting Research

Every student is required to write assignments (Compulsory for all courses)

* underpin professional learning of knowledge, skills and understanding

Deeper understanding of the discipline

Connect you with sources of information and of professional support (Teachers/lecturers/experts)



Example

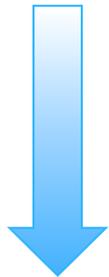
Application/Analysis (Facts)

May works as a cleaner at the Auckland International Airport. One day, she and her colleagues played Truth or Dare. May was dared to impersonate an Immigration Officer. May knowing very well she had a cousin who works for Immigration, agreed to the bet. The next day, May went to work in her cousin's Immigration uniform (without her cousin's knowledge) and pretended to be her cousin stamping passports on arrivals. May was caught by one of the Senior Immigration Officers stamping the wrong pages of the passports. Applying these facts to the rule of law, May has most likely committed an offence under [s346 \(Immigration Act 2009\)](#) when she went to work in her cousin's immigration uniform and knowingly impersonated an immigration officer.



Research, Gather and Process Information

Lecture/Tutorial Notes

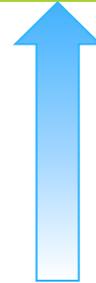


USP Course Readings/Text Books

- Additional reading Materials
- Bibliography

TOPIC

Always tie your research back to your essay question



Extend Your Research (Data Collection Tools)

- Open source
- Academic Source





How do you research effectively for an assignment?

Use library resources (Online/available text books)

Check the Library USP link for details
<https://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=61>

All students can contact the Library Support Service

Google Search

Information used in university assignments must be from reputable authors and publishers, such as Legal institutions, regional Organizations, Government websites, Google scholar and more.

For Instance:

- PacLII (Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute)
Link- <http://www.paclii.org/>
- Google Scholar. Link- <https://scholar.google.com/>
- Regional Organisation Websites
 - ✓ UNODC
 - ✓ PTCCC etc.

7 Avoid websites where authors are unknown and information is often unreliable.



Research Sources

Source Type	Examples
Primary: a first person account by someone who experienced or witnessed an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First person account of an event• 1st publications of a scientific Study• Speech or Lecture• A Diary
Secondary: One step removed from primary original source	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newspaper Reporting on a Scientific Study• Review of a Music CD• Biography

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPQ95B95bWE&t=75s>



*** Problems with research today:**

Contradictory or vague findings

- Questionable data
- Unclear statements about the intent of the study
- Lack of full disclosure of the data collection procedure
- Inarticulate rendering of the research problems



Summary



- * Research expands your knowledge base
- * Research helps you know what you're up against
- * Research builds your credibility
- * Teaches you better discernment.
- * Research introduces you to new ideas
- * Research helps with problem-solving



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