

Doing Research in International Education

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Why Bother With Research?

- Evidence based practice
- Developing frameworks for future practice
- Developing a network for future practice
- Evaluating programs
- Publication and accountability
- Building a case for future funding

What is the purpose of the research?

- Changing Fundamental Understanding of Phenomenon
 - Theoretical Understanding
 - Practice Improvement

How does one do research in IE?

- It's a case of “Horses for Causes”
- It is not just statistics on numbers of students
- Literature Reviews
- Ethnographic Studies
- Quantitative Studies
- Action Research

Useful Sources of Previous Research

- Conference Papers
 - ISANA, ANZSSA, AIEC, HERDSA, APAIE, UKCISA, EAIE, AIEA, NAFSA
- Journals
 - Journal of Studies in International Education
 - Journal of International Students
 - Journal of Research in International Education
 - International Journal of Intercultural Relations

Research is also about building networks

- Who can you work with at your institution or other institutions? Or across sectors?

Some challenges

- Finding time to do it
- Finding expertise to do it
- Resourcing it

Funding Research

- Is this part of evaluation which should be funded?
- Building data collection into projects
- Explore some Funding Sources