Research as a Transferable Skill

Prepare students to develop a research-based mindset for academic and professional success

Higher education is increasingly concerned with preparing students for the workforce, with a new focus on integrating essential professional skills into undergraduate education. At the same time, an increase in attention on undergraduate research has drawn attention to pervasive skill gaps in this area. *Research as a Transferable Skill* is an online course that focusses on the professional competencies required for those planning to pursue a career in research and related fields. It helps students enhance their long-term employability by developing a ‘researcher mindset’, and develops understanding of the transferable skills they will need for a successful career in research.

- Ensures undergraduates understand the benefits of developing a research-based mindset for both academic and professional success
- Supports the future of the workforce by preparing graduates to transfer critical research skills into the professional context
- Helps universities attract top talent by offering online support to students engaged in research training to supplement and enhance their core curriculum learning
- Empowers students with essential professional skills that can be retained beyond education
- Supports teachers with tools to aid their students in gaining transferable skills
Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Conduct a safe, ethical, well-managed research project
- Work effectively both individually and as part of a research team
- Review and communicate research literature
- Describe the stages of the funding application and award cycle
- Explain how to map out a project plan with key milestones and deliverables
- Understand the ‘business of research’ and professional skills
- Communicate research findings to different audiences
- Manage a career plan in academia or other industries
- Discuss the commercialization process
- Understand how to translate skills acquired in academia into enhancing their own employability

On completion of the faculty courses, staff members will be able to:

- Identify ways undergraduate research benefits students and others
- Provide data and information on the contribution of undergraduate research to student success
- Explain how different disciplinary research methods can generate diverse undergraduate research opportunities

Course features

- Animations and comic strips
- Real case study examples and scenarios
- Video interviews with real students
- Links to useful resources and project management tools
- Interactive features such as action mazes and jigsaw activities

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