

DISSERTATING IN THE OPEN



Dissertating is the process of completing a dissertation, usually as part of a doctoral degree. A growing number of students worldwide are exploring the concept of dissertating in the open, engaging in some aspect of open scholarship during the dissertation process. There are many ways to be "open" during the process; it can be tailored to the student, the environment, and the subject matter. Being open is not an 'all or none' proposition. The purpose of this visual article is to introduce some ways open scholarship can be integrated into the dissertation process and product.

Open Scholarship

is a multifaceted concept.

Open Educational Resources

Open Peer Review

Open Pedagogy

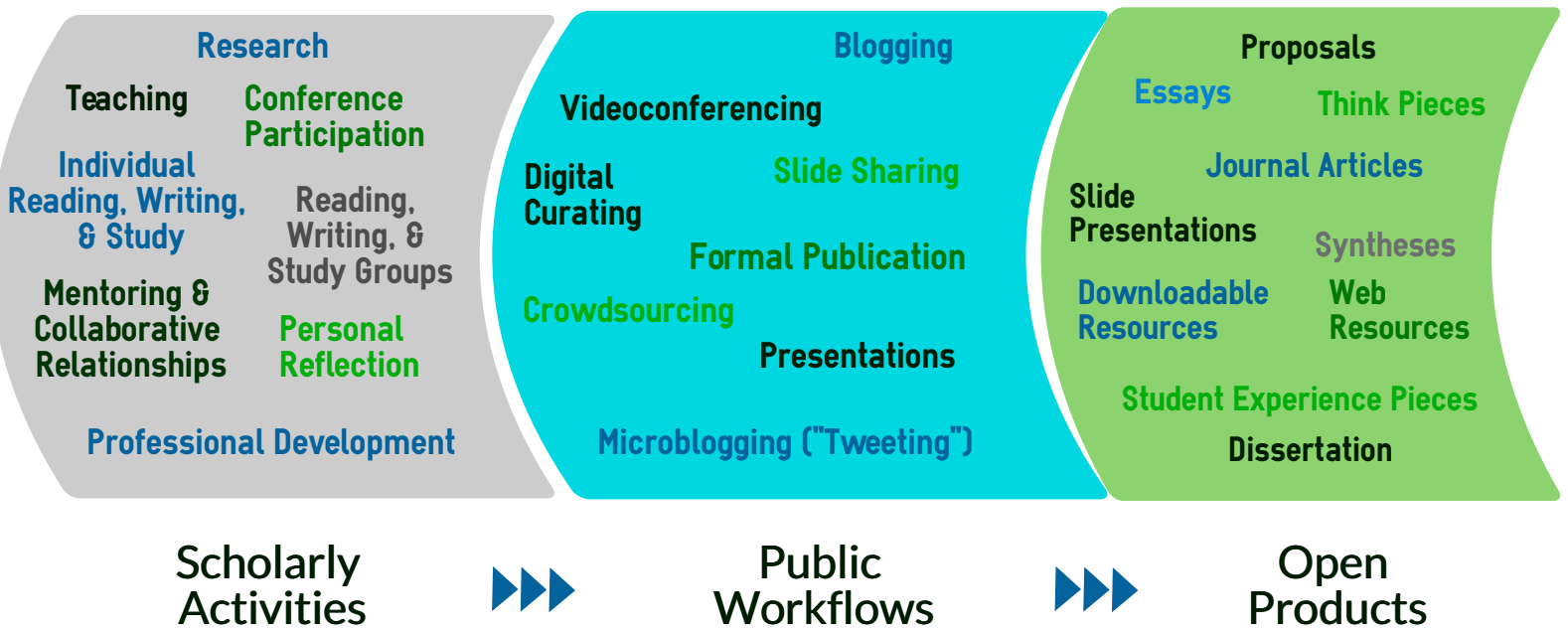
Open Data

Open Access Publishing

Personal Learning Networks



Open scholars engage in the usual scholarly activities, but do so through public, often digital, workflows that result in openly accessible products.



Dissertating is a scholarly process...



- (1) Identifying mentors & collaborators
- (2) Formulating the question
- (2) Exploring theoretical frameworks
- (3) Developing the study design
- (4) Considering dissemination formats

- (1) Data collection
- (2) Analysis
- (2) Writing
- (3) Incorporating feedback

- (1) Presentation
- (2) Receiving summative feedback

- (1) Publishing or otherwise sharing all, part, or adaptations of the thesis.



...that is done in the public/open when the scope of sharing & feedback is expanded to include the entire length of the dissertation process.

Planning, Research & Writing

Blogging	Literature Synthesis	Process Reflections	Preliminary Research Findings	Presentations & Slides
Tweeting	Identifying mentors & collaborators	Developing Personal Learning Network		Crowdsourcing on ideas or data
Digital Curation	Bibliographies		Artifacts	Data Elements

Defense

Talk &/or Q&A	Liveblogged	Livetweeted	Livestreamed
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Publication

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