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

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### Scholarly Activities

1. Planning
   - Identifying mentors & collaborators
   - Formulating the question
   - Exploring theoretical frameworks
   - Developing the study design
   - Considering dissemination formats

2. Research & Writing
   - Data collection
   - Analysis
   - Writing
   - Incorporating feedback

3. Defense / Viva
   - Presentation
   - Receiving summative feedback

4. Publication
   - Publishing or otherwise sharing all, part, or adaptations of the thesis.

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### Public Workflows

- Literaturesynthesis
- Process reflections
- Preliminary research findings
- Presentations & slides
- Identifying mentors & collaborators
- Developing personal learning network
- Crowdsourcing on ideas or data
- Bibliographies
- Artifacts
- Data elements
- Liveblogged
- Livetweeted
- Livestreamed
- Open repository (Copyright retained)
- CC-licensed (A spectrum of open)
- Remixed as open educational resource
- Remixed as open research resource

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### Open Products

- Videoconferencing
- Digital curating
- Slide sharing
- Formal publication
- Crowdsourcing
- Presentations
- Microblogging ("Tweeting")

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**DISSECTING IN THE OPEN**

Open scholarships are a multifaceted concept.