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It includes traditional research as well as output associated with applied professional knowledge, pedagogical practice, and forms of creativity intended to make connections across disciplines or foster growth and change within a specific field of practice. The critical components of scholarship at Johnson & Wales are:

Goals — Scholarship and its results are based on pre-stated purposes or defined objectives and focused on important questions.

Preparation/Background of Scholar — Scholarship is based on a deep rather than a casual understanding of a field or fields. A scholar possesses skills/knowledge in the field or fields, and scholarship references existing professional/practical literature or documented practice knowledge.

Methods — Scholarship relies on effectively applied methods which can be replicated and are appropriate to the pre-defined objectives of the work.

Significant Results — Scholarship typically results in the achievement of the work’s goals, and the results make a significant contribution, often opening new questions or areas for future exploration.

Dissemination — Scholarship is disseminated through professional networks and venues; as such it is typically peer reviewed, has a professional style and is both clearly and honestly presented.

Context — Scholarship is contextual to the field or fields in which it is conducted, whereby each discipline defines the approach to goals and significance, standards for preparation and methods, presentation of results, as well as venues for dissemination.

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