

# Introduction to scholarship

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# Two questions today

1. What is scholarship?
2. How can being scholarly help me get better at what I do?

# What is scholarship (1)?

Ernest Boyer (1990) *Scholarship reconsidered: Priorities of the professoriate*

*Creation of knowledge through:*

- **The scholarship of discovery** - original research that advances knowledge
- **The scholarship of integration** - bringing together knowledge from different disciplines, places and times
- **The scholarship of engagement** - applying knowledge to real life problems in a systematic way
- **The scholarship of teaching and learning** - research into teaching and learning, including dissemination of the findings

# What is scholarship (2)?

1. Institutional Scholarship - investigation of questions of interest to the OU
2. Scholarship of Teaching - investigation of one's own or others' teaching, assessment and learning design.
3. Scholarship for Teaching - activities contributing to the development of learning materials, modules and curricula.
4. Scholarship in support of Professional Practice (c.f Boyer's scholarship of engagement).
5. Discipline Based Scholarship – (c.f Boyer's scholarships of discovery and integration)

(Open University Senate Paper 10-4-6 (2010))

# What is scholarship (3)?

What is happening in the Open University that can be classified in line with the Senate Paper definitions?

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# What is scholarship (4)?

A broad term that can mean specific things in some contexts

Therefore scholarship means whatever the speaker/writer means at that particular moment.

Two implications:

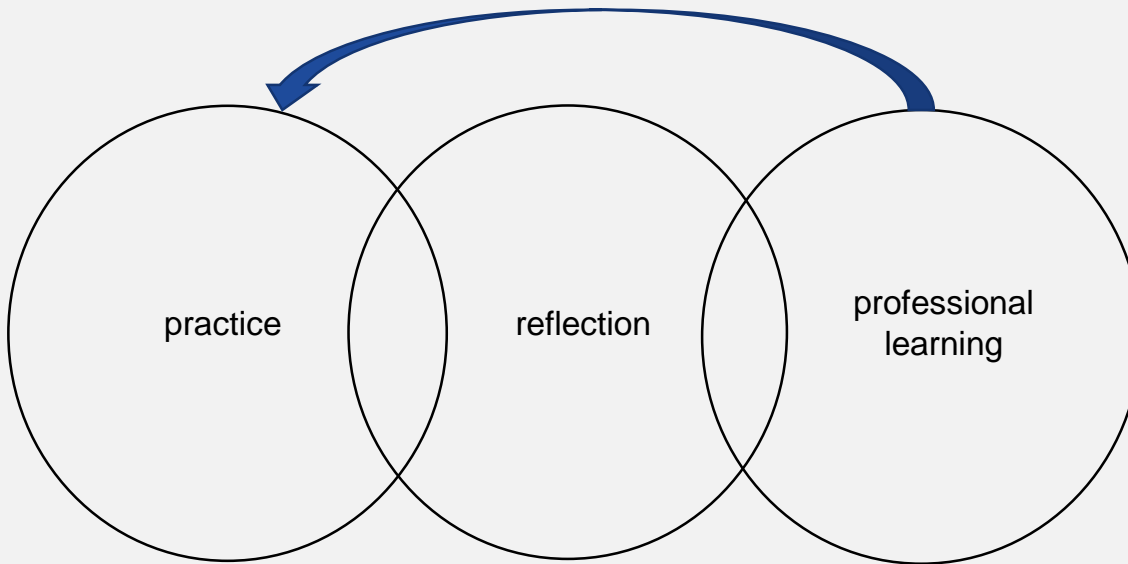
1. Be alert to possible misunderstandings when using the term
2. Don't get phased by "scholarship". You are a scholar and you do scholarship.

## What's missing? Scholarship of personal practice

For example:

- Practice as a researcher
- Practice as a teacher
- Practice as a leader
- Practice as a professional in my discipline

# Being scholarly



# Getting better through reflection

- What have I done?
- How have I done it?
- Why did I do it that way?
- How successful was it?
- How will I do it in the future?

WHAT? HOW? WHY? SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?

# How to reflect?

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# THANK YOU



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