

## Getting Started: Strategies for initiating educational scholarship

### EXAMPLE

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<p><b>What am I already doing?</b> <i>Teaching, mentoring, program evaluation, learner assessment, or curriculum development activities in which I am involved</i></p>	<p>I constantly get students referred to me who want to talk about non-traditional careers so I developed that website re resources</p>
<p><b>What cool thing do I want to try?</b> <i>Teaching, mentoring, program evaluation, learner assessment, or curriculum development activities I would like to try</i></p>	
<p><b>What is my niche? What do I do well?</b>  <i>I am known for _____ as an educator</i>  <i>I love to do _____ as an educator</i></p>	<p>I am really interested in student development. I took such a zig zag career path to my current position, I'm always into talking with students about different resources &amp; opportunities.</p>
<p><b>What is unique?</b>  <i>My particular instructional skills or practice. Ideas or activities that are not already in the literature/that address a gap in the literature</i></p>	<p>Students tell me that they have a hard time finding resources re non-traditional careers</p>
<p><b>What is a shared need?</b>  <i>Something I can do/develop that would be useful to others in their own contexts</i></p>	<p>Other institutions probably have similar students and therefore similar needs...</p>
<p><b>Where is the data?</b>  <i>Data that is available to me such as course/clerkship evals, learner assessments, etc.</i></p>	<p>The website I built can track traffic- numbers of students, what they click on, etc.</p> <p>Possible metrics- parts of the site that are most visited</p>
<p><b>What question(s) do I have?</b>  <i>Something related to teaching and learning that I am curious about and want to know</i></p>	<p>What % of each class goes into a non-traditional path?</p> <p>What "extra-curricular" information do students need?</p> <p>To what extent is the website helpful?</p> <p>Where do users end up in terms of career paths?</p>

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### WORKSHEET

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