

In the words of OHRP, “Publishing something does not make it research and not publishing something does not make it not research.” The OHRP definition of research includes the following elements:

- The purpose of the research is to obtain knowledge that can be used.
- The research is designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge.
- The research is carried out in specific contexts.
- The research is conducted for training purposes.

Research must be considered as contributing to generalizable knowledge if it:

- x An oral history or journalistic piece that is limited to documenting or reporting on specific people, such as interviews with individuals, is not research. It is a collection of personal stories or anecdotes.
- x Classes, independent studies, and honors projects are not research. They are typically conducted for training purposes, such as learning new skills or knowledge.

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- The research is carried out for a class or training purposes.
- The research is conducted for training purposes.