Fostering a Research Culture in Your Writing Center: Getting Started

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1. What are your goals in conducting writing center research?
2. What problems exist that your research could address?
3. What are your funding resources and constraints?
4. What are your time resources and constraints?
5. What challenges or barriers might arise?
6. What strengths might your center and staff bring to research?
7. What kind of research are you most interested in (analyzing existing data, qualitative studies, quantitative studies, discourse analysis, etc.)?
8. Who would be the audience for this research? Internal? External?
9. What impact might this research have on your local context and daily practice?