Scholarly Engagement Policy
Higher Education Doctoral Program
As of 7/15/21

**Purpose:** The goal of the Scholarly Engagement requirement is to prepare doctoral graduates who can acquire, evaluate, communicate, and extend knowledge through active participation in the scholarly community.

**Annual Confirmation of Scholarly Engagement:** Each year, as part of the annual review process, doctoral students must demonstrate to their faculty advisor's satisfaction either 1) completion of benchmark(s) or 2) concrete progress toward the completion of benchmark(s).

**Prerequisites to be completed before key milestones in doctoral progression:** Certain benchmarks must be completed before students are allowed to 1) take the preliminary exam, 2) defend a proposal/prospectus, and 3) register for graduation.

**BENCHMARKS FOR SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT**

**Before Preliminary Exam**

- Attend at least 2 Relevant Research Roundtable (R3) presentations
- *and* Complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Human Subjects Research (HSR) training course. Instructions on how to enroll in the correct CITI course can be found at: [https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ohsp/investigator-resources/citi-training-requirements.](https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ohsp/investigator-resources/citi-training-requirements)

**Before Prospectus/Proposal Defense**

- Attend at least 1 prospectus defense as an observer
- *and* attend at least 1 dissertation defense as an observer
- *and* at least one of the following:
  - Attend at least 1 national conference (professional or research association)
  - Attend an outside/external methodological workshop
  - Attend an FSU professional development seminar/workshop

**Before Graduation**

- Present as first or second author/presenter at a national conference
- *or* Present as the first author/presenter at a state or regional conference
- *or* Publish an article as the first or second author in a peer-review journal (article accepted or “in press” by time of registration for graduation)