

STRATEGIES FOR SCHOLARLY SUCCESS AT SCU

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1. Steal time for research (and close the door).
 - * Develop ways to make teaching and grading less time consuming.
 - * Ask for two sections of the same course (one prep is easier).
 - * Use student assistants? Peer Educators?
 - * Find a few minutes for writing every day (or every week).
 - * Remember that the university wants you to do research: you're not being selfish when you pursue your own scholarship.
2. Double-dip.
 - * Construct courses around research questions you'd like to investigate.
 - * Present the same paper in two venues (if appropriate in your discipline).
 - * Involve students in your own scholarly research through class assignments, annotated bibliographies, extra credit, & research assistants.
3. Usher conference papers toward publication.
 - * Move from idea to conference paper to peer-reviewed article.
 - * Don't be discouraged by rejections or "revise & resubmits."
 - * Turn R & Rs around quickly.
 - * Don't revise obsessively: Perfectionism is the enemy of excellence.
4. Look ahead, plan ahead
 - * Maintain a coherent intellectual trajectory.
 - * Avoid "opportunistic publishing" projects.
 - * Don't over-commit: be realistic.
 - * But don't hesitate to initiate multiple scholarly projects.
 - * Develop a two year plan, a five year plan and a ten year plan.
 - * Consider small steps you can take now to move toward goals.
 - * Assume delays in response time from journals and publishers.
5. Create a community of scholars.
 - * Maintain contact with colleagues working in your field.
 - * Participate in your scholarly associations.
 - * Consider collaboration (but choose wisely).
 - * Join (or create) one of SCU's Faculty Study Groups.
 - * Share your work with your colleagues.
6. Seek internal or external support for your research:
 - * See the Internal Grants Flyer (or the F.D. website).
 - * Consult with Linda Campbell in Sponsored Projects
 - * Sign up for the COS (Community of Scholars) website.