

## TEACHING & LEARNING

# QUICK TIPS

## Research Boosters: Strategies for Building Student Skills

The process of research is often more complex than students anticipate. Part of helping them succeed is making visible the steps in the research process and helping students recognize that each step will require them to employ different skills. How can we as educators use small, low-stakes activities throughout the semester to help students develop these skills so that they are better prepared to succeed in their research assignments?

### Follow this process:

1. Break apart the research process – what are all the steps?
2. Pick a step – what are the skills students need to do this step well?
3. Pick a skill – what is one low-stakes in-class or homework activity that can help students develop that skill?

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