

Generation of New Knowledge

Introduction: New knowledge is generated through academic research. This is done to find more effective ways of managing our society's human and environmental resources. Without relevant, rigorous research, as a people, our knowledge stagnates.

Purpose Of Research

- **THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH IS TO...**
- Review or synthesize existing knowledge
- Investigate existing situations or problems
- Provide solutions to problems
- Explore and analyse more general issues
- Construct or create new procedures or systems
- Explain new phenomenon
- Generate new knowledge
- ...or a combination of any of the above!

(Collis & Hussey, 2003)

As society evolves and become more complex, so does its social issues. This is the reasons why it is imperative to generate new knowledge. Old problems may arise with new causes, and as such, can not be treated and dealt with as before. Below is an image that illustrates how the generation of new knowledge is used after research.

