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**RESEARCH FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY INFORMATION LITERACY SELF-ASSESSMENT**

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Adult learners coming into a program of graduate research enter with varying degrees of Information Literacy. Several factors contribute: degree of familiarity with computers, with basic types of software, with libraries, experience with online research, how long it has been since they were in school— even feelings of inadequacy as a result of any of these. It is helpful to begin the journey toward Information Literacy by assessing where you are in the journey.

**Familiarity and Skill with Computers and Basic Software Programs:**

New and Unskilled, possibly including keyboarding	Basic familiarity with operating system and basic software (Word processing)	Average computer keyboarding skills (Word processing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint)	Experienced computer user (Word processing and document formatting, etc.)	Power computer user experienced with specialized software packages
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	Yes, Basic Familiarity	Yes, Average computer keyboard skills	Yes, Experienced computer user	Yes, & more to learn to become a power user
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**Internet Skills**

Feeling challenged: lack basic internet skills (browsers, searching, websites, and email)	Basic familiarity with basic internet user skills (browsers, searching, websites, and email)	Average internet user skills (have been using them for a while)	Experienced internet user skills (confident you can teach yourself what you do not know)	Experienced internet user skills (can design web pages, blogs, databases, etc.)
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	Yes, Basic Familiarity	Yes, Average Familiarity	Yes, Experienced I will self teach	Yes, & more to experience to become a power user
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**Information Literacy Research Skills**

Feeling challenged: little knowledge or experience with finding research beyond Google	Basic familiarity with online library catalog searches and online databases	Some experience with Key Word Searching (Distinguish popular & scholarly sources)	Experienced with Key Word Searching (Can translate interests into & relevant topics)	Experienced internet Researcher (have done academic research successfully before)
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Yes, great with google; ? on save	Basic, yes but how to save	Yes, use key word but combo; ? guide requested	Yes, other book or journal key words firm up word search	Experienced, yes for procurement business service search
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**Degree of Research Focus**

No clue about research topic, but desire to learn research skills.	Have general interests based on professional experience	Have areas of professional concern, need to narrow topic	Have areas of desired contribution & seek to promote change	Already have specific research topic and want guidance
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