

### ***What is the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)?***

Florida Atlantic University is currently undergoing a reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). As part of this process, a *Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)* is a required component of the reaccreditation process for SACS. The QEP is a plan designed to improve student learning based on institutional assessment, and to accomplish the mission of the institution.

### ***What is FAU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)?***

FAU's QEP: *Distinction Through Discovery*, aims to improve student learning by expanding a culture of undergraduate research and inquiry across all disciplines at the University.

### ***What do research, inquiry and creative activity mean, and how do they apply to my field?***

Our definition of research focuses on *inquiry*. FAU faculty and students recognize inquiry to be a process and/or a product which centers on asking questions or solving problems and which encompasses intellectual traits that transcend subject matter divisions.

Examples of such processes common to the disciplines may include questioning existing ideas, identifying approaches to unstructured problems, thinking creatively, exploring new ideas and examining the processes by which knowledge is discovered.

### ***What are FAU's plans to expand a culture of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry?***

FAU's plans are centered around 4 goals:

1. Enhanced Curriculum
2. Expanded Student Co-Curricular Opportunities
3. Faculty and Student Support and Recognition and
4. Strengthened Infrastructure

### ***What is the importance of the QEP for FAU faculty and students?***

- Research-Enriched Courses
- Funded Student Projects
- More Showcase Opportunities
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Recognition and Awards
- Opportunities, Resources, and Website