

Oral Defense for AP Research Format

Part 1 - Student will present an overview of their research question in 10-12 minutes.

Part 2 - The three panelist will ask the student THREE total questions:

- 1) Panelist #1 will select ONE question from the *Research/Inquiry Process List*.**
- 2) Panelist #2 will select ONE question from the *Depth of Understanding List*.**
- 3) Panelist #3 will select ONE question from the *Reflection Throughout the Inquiry Process List*.**

The Oral Defense must last NO longer than 20 minutes.

Research/Inquiry Process Questions

1. How did your initial exploration of the scholarly conversation lead to your final research question/project goal?
2. How did your review of the methods used by scholars in the field inform your selection of a research method/ process that is aligned with your research question/project goal?
3. How did the choices you made when designing or implementing your research method impact your research process?
4. How did you determine which results generated by your research method were most important in informing your new understanding?

Depth of Understanding Questions

1. How does your new understanding address a gap in the scholarly conversation?
2. How did the limitations of your method or data influence your new understanding?
3. What are the real-world implications or consequences related to your findings?
4. How do your findings provide directions for future research in the field?

Reflection Throughout the Inquiry Process Questions

1. Think back to the initial curiosity that sparked your inquiry. What other curiosities do you have and how has this process prepared you to explore them?
2. How did you handle the uncertainty of the research process?
3. If you could revisit your research process, what would you do differently and why?
4. What was the most important research skill you developed as a result of this process, and how might you apply it to your future endeavors?
5. How did your expert adviser facilitate your deeper understanding of the research process?

Note: This question should only be asked if the student engaged with an expert adviser.