

# HOW RESEARCH BECOMES AN ERIC RECORD

Start at the top and follow the arrows to understand how materials are indexed in ERIC.

Authors submit their work to ERIC through the Online Submission System

New sources (e.g., journals) are recommended to ERIC by users, publishers, and the ERIC team.

## Source Selection

Material is checked against the ERIC Selection Policy to determine whether it falls within scope. Lists of indexed Journals and Non-Journal Sources can be found on our website.

Selected Online Submissions

Sources that are not consistent with the Selection Policy are not indexed in ERIC. Some sources may not be indexed because they have not produced enough content or are on a hiatus from publishing. They are held for future review.

Selected publishers sign an agreement with ERIC

Publishers provide content to ERIC

## Record Processing

ERIC creates searchable records for the new content

- Adds title, author, and source information
- Writes **abstract**, if not included
- Applies descriptors from the ERIC Thesaurus
- Performs quality check
- Sends processed records to be added to the collection

## Records are Added to the ERIC Collection

These materials join the existing 1.6 million ERIC records used by researchers, teachers, students, librarians, and others.