

## RESEARCH PROJECT

Research is a key component of any senior level education. Each Fellow will select a research topic and complete a research project during the program.

The research process usually starts with a broad area of interest, the initial problem that a researcher wishes to study. Then the problem is narrowed down to a reasonable level. As the topic comes into focus, the researcher defines a problem to be addressed in a structured method. There are several types of research possible for the Fellows that will be discussed in the FPD-310, "Basic Research" class. DAU-S will provide assistance throughout the research activity. The resulting study will be published as an internal DAU publication and possibly in a referred magazine.

The Director of the Senior Service College Fellowship and research faculty will approve the research topics that are provided by the acquisition community, sending commands, and other sources. In-Process Reviews (IPR) will be conducted throughout the program to provide research support and guidance to the Fellows.

The Fellows use an iterative approach to provide early drafts and subsequent revisions to advisors as they build their reports. A final paper is submitted to DAU as a DAU Research Report as well as for potential publication in the *Defense Acquisition Review Journal* and the *Defense AT&L Magazine*. Fellows also defend their research to DAU and their command sponsors at the end of the academic year.