

What is the difference between Community-Based Research/Creative Scholarship and traditional scholarship?

There are several distinct differences between Community-Based Research/Creative Scholarship and traditional research/creative scholarship. The following chart sheds light on these differences.

	Community-Based Research/ Creative Scholarship	Traditional Academic Research/Creative Scholarship
What is the purpose of the Research/Creative Scholarship ?	To provide the community with the tools and information necessary to enact change.	To contribute to the body of knowledge on a given topic.
Who is the Research/Creative Scholarship intended to serve?	The local community and the academic community .	The academic community .
Whose knowledge counts?	That of both community members and academic experts.	Academic experts.
Who determines what topics are researched?	Members of the local community in collaboration with the academic experts.	Funders' interests, academic interests, professional interests and personal interests.
What is the rationale for choosing the Research/Creative Scholarship methodology	Community empowerment and mutual learning.	Academic conventions; the pursuit of "truth" and "objectivity."
Who controls the Research/Creative Scholarship process?	Community members and the researcher/artist.	The researcher/artist.
Who has ownership over the results of the Research/Creative Scholarship ?	Community members and the researcher/artist.	The researcher/artist.
What aspect of Research/Creative Scholarship is emphasized?	Process.	Outcomes.