

## **LEADING DOCTORAL RESEARCH: STRATEGIES FOR DISSERTATION CHAIRS**

Don Jones, Ed.D.  
Texas A&M University – Kingsville

Kelly Hall, Ph.D.  
Texas A&M University – Kingsville

### **ABSTRACT**

This paper provides an overview of the doctoral research process and presents a discussion of strategies and practices for dissertation chairs that lead to both student success and program completion. An overview of the doctoral dissertation process is presented by chapter emphasizing the importance of clarity and alignment throughout the dissertation. Additionally, a number of helpful strategies are presented. These include discussion of alignment threads, dissertation chapter outlines, editorial support, communications, time management, committee composition, the IRB process and instrumentation issues. Finally, a discussion of strategies for post-graduation publication of dissertation research is presented.

**Keywords:** Dissertation Research, Dissertation Alignment, Dissertation Chairs, Time Management, IRB Process, Dissertation Publication