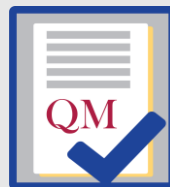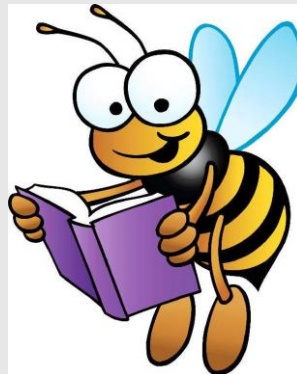# Beyond the Buzz

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What is it? What are your go-to sources?

It's all about your purpose

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Research-related but not the whole story
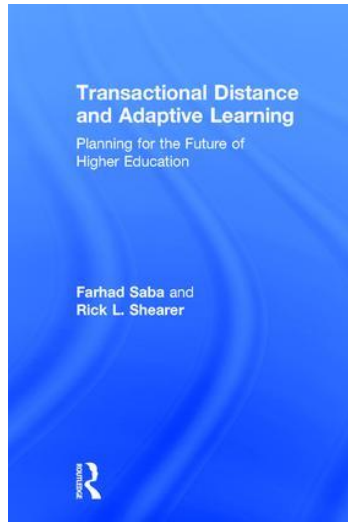
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Beginning of a lit review

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- **Which hot topic?**

- **What would you stop to read?**

- **Why?**

Studying our own contexts

- Interaction/communication in learning (18%)

- Instructional design (17%)

- Learner characteristics (16%)

- Distance teaching systems & institutions (9%)

- Educational technology (7%)

- Quality assurance (6%)
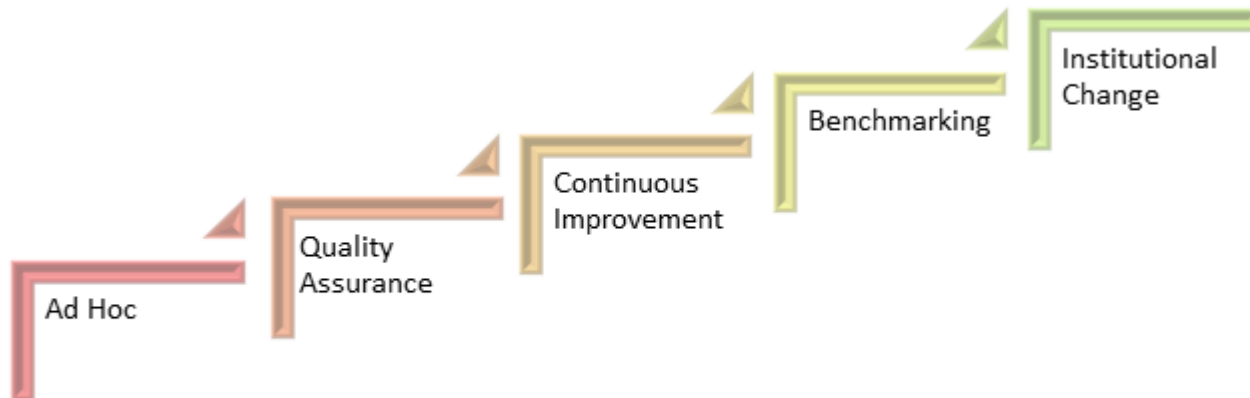
- Professional development & faculty support (6%)

HE Themes

- LO a basic assumption
- More sophisticated methods
- Pedagogy drives technology
- Constructivism/CoI
- "Research" found in journals & profession media
- Accessibility & inclusivity increasing

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Themes

- Following HE lead
- Primarily studies in pre-service
- Increasing focus on design-related
- Focus on interaction moving deeper into learner engagement

It's complicated

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