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International Students' Approaches to Scholarly Research & Academic Integrity

Stressors in their own words...

"Reading and understanding those things, and then, when you have multiple resources in front of you, they are not necessarily saying the same thing the same way, so sometimes you would get different information and then you get, you know, confused."

- Sam, Iran

"[When I started the program] it was difficult for me to understand what was okay to do and what was not okay to do. Now I understand, I don't even have to ask anyone, "Can I Google stuff or should I do everything by myself? Can I ask my friends?"

- Sally, India

"There was a lot of irrelevant information so you have to filter it out and take the relevant information."

- Shanaya, India

"To me the first hardest thing is finding an idea. You don't have an idea from nothing. Sometimes your idea... other people already did that."

- Clara, China

"I feel like for the international students in my program, we maybe are more worried about plagiarism and stuff like this, so I would ask my friend if he can read my paper to see if I missed anything about citation or stuff like this."

- Chloe, China

"The most challenging part for me is that I have, I have to read 6 to 10 English long papers before I write, and actually, the reading tasks take me a lot of time."

- Michael, China

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Adaptations in their own words...

"I talked to my professor and we talked for like nearly two hours, just to find out what my thing could be. And she asked me a lot of questions like, 'What's your interest in,' and she want my thesis to be like also beneficial to her field and also to my future."

- Sabrina, China

"This time when the professor says in the memo I'm expecting this, this, this, I jotted down everything in detail. Until then I wasn't focusing on what a memo should be like. But that time I noted down every heading, subheading he wanted"

- Leo, India

"I try to paraphrase a lot, either change, change the whole sentence structure and try to substitute a lot of words, because I feel like plagiarism is really emphasized here."

- Mary, China

"I learned that process of trying to get rid of things. So say I start with thirty research papers, and then I started filtering, so it narrowed down the topics depending on what I was going to study. I think that's what research is all about."

- Santi, Colombia

"So Google at least gives you the titles of the papers, and then you have library resources where most of the papers are free. So you just go on the library website and look for that particular paper, get it, and if you think it's relevant, use it"

- Victor, India

"So generally, I will go through the paper, and if I find it useful I will copy the title of this paper...and Google Scholar can create the citation for me."

- Elizabeth, China

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