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THE EFFECT OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING ON THE SCIENTIFIC LITERACY OF PROSPECTIVE TEACHER STUDENTS

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Article History Abstract

The results of the study show that overall scientific literacy before and after the Submitted: 18 Juli 2025 implementation of project-based learning experienced an increase in scientific Accepted: 21 Juli 2025 literacy which is inseparable from the learning that, applied, namely project- Published: 22 Juli 2025 based learning. Project-based learning provides students with the opportunity to explore concepts applied in everyday life or in outside the classroom. This results Key Words in more meaningful student understanding because knowledge is integrated with everyday life experiences through collaboration and problem-solving.

Introduction

Scientific Literacy is the understanding and application of science in everyday life (Soobard & Rannikmäe, 2011; Azis et al., 2015). Scientific Literacy directing students to the character and values to make the right decisions (Oluwatelure, 2012). Students who are said to have good scientific literacy understand scientific concepts, have scientific reasoning skills, and are able to use knowledge about science (EOCD, 2016; Series, 2017). Several studies have shown that students' scientific literacy is still low in terms of content, competency, and context (B. Rubini et al., 2017; Rubini & Permanasari, 2014; Nur'aini et al., 2018). Students' scientific literacy levels are also low at all levels (Nwosu & Ibe, 2014). Many factors contribute to low scientific literacy.

Scientific literacy should be instilled in schools (Udompong & Wongwanich, 2014; Putra et al., 2016). Therefore, scientific literacy should be supported by learning strategies that vary (Nwosu & Ibe, 2014; Rokhmah et al., 2017; Sulisworo & Sutadi, 2017). The learning process should motivate students (Adolphus et al., 2012). In addition, the material taught should be connected to everyday life (Hendi Ristanto et al., 2017).

Project Based Learning is a Project Based Learning which is a learning model innovative teaching many important strategies For skills in the 21st century, namely push student in learning they Alone through investigation, as well as Work The same For research and create projects that reflect knowledge they (Bell, 2010). PjBL referring to philosophical constructivism, so that student can construct his knowledge Alone through real experience. PjBL make an effort involving student in design, problem solving problem, taking decision, or activity investigation , providing student chance For Work in a way relatively independent in term a long time and in the end produce product or realistic presentation (Thomas, 2000). Students can choose activities and work carried out during activity project taking place, students can also become communicative , creative and developing thinking practical Because they involved in investigation / discovery and retrieval decision in a way active (McGrath, 2002). The benefits of PjBL in this way are expected to be obtained by students, namely increased problem-solving skills, increased library literacy skills, and internet research skills, increased collaboration, increased resource management skills, research that supports projects, and constructivism (Gibbs, 2003 in Mihardi et al., 2013). Students' scientific literacy acquisition is better by using Project-based learning. Students' scientific literacy

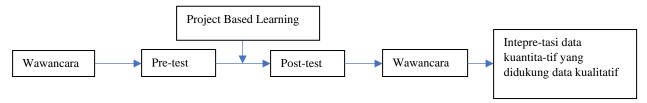


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increased after the implementation of *PjBL* integrated with *STEM* (Afriana et al., 2016). The aim of this study is to determine changes in Scientific Literacy through Project-based Learning.

Research Method

This research is a *mixed methods study*. Data collection methods used quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data supports qualitative data. The research design is presented in Figure 1.1.



Study This started with interview First For know the usual learning model implemented , and understanding students . Next done *pretest and posttest* For understanding scientific literacy. Interview second conducted on students based on results mark *pretest and posttest* related project-based learning model response . After the data is collected done interpretation of quantitative data supported by qualitative data .

Subject Study

Subject study 38 students from the 2022 intake of the UIBU Biology Education study program in the Basics course science. All student follow *pretest and posttest*. Subject determined with *purposive sampling*, which has varying abilities.

Instrument Study

Instrument research used in study This as following:

a. Interview Guide

Interview guide containing about guide various first submitted to student For know understanding and experience learning. Instruments done in the form of question open .

b. Test Scientific Literacy

Test *scientific literacy* in the form of essay questions about basics science. Test This expected capable know difference *scientific literacy* before and after applied learning model *project-based learning*.

Data analysis

Analytical techniques used in research This consists of from the test data analysis techniques and research data analysis techniques described as following.

1. Trial Data Analysis Techniques

The test questions were conducted on Biology Education study program students from the 2022 intake. The test question analysis techniques consisted of the level of difficulty of the questions, the discriminating power of the questions, the validity of the questions, and the reliability of the questions as follows.

- a. Question Difficulty Level A good question is neither too easy nor too difficult. The formula used to measure the level of difficulty of the questions is as follows.
 - $P \ (\ index \ Difficulty \) = Number \ students \ who \ answered \ correct \ / \ amount \ participant \ test$

The provisions for classifying the difficulty index can be seen in Table 1.1 (Arikunto, 2013: 223).



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Table 1 Criteria for the Level of Difficulty of Questions.

| Mark | Category |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| P < 0.30 | Difficult |
| $0.30 \le P \le 0.70$ | Currently |
| P > 0.70 | Easy |

b. Distinguishing Power Question

Power differentiator question is ability question For differentiate between students Which capable tall with student Which capable low. To calculate the discriminatory power of questions (Arikunto, 2013: 226) the following formula is used.

$$D = (BA/JA)-(BD/JB) = P_A - P_B$$

Information:

D = Power different

 J_A = Amount student upper class

 J_B = Amount student lower group

 $B_A =$ Amount student group on Which answer correctly

 $B_B =$ Amount student group lower Which answer Correct

PA = Proportion participant upper class Which answer Correct

 P_B =Proportion participant group lower Which answer correctly

Table 2. Distinguishing Power Criteria Ouestion

| Tuote 2: Distinguish | Tuote 2. Bistinguishing 1 o wer eriteria Question | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Mark | Category | | | | |
| $0.00 \ \Box \ D < 0.20$ | Bad | | | | |
| $0.20 \Box D < 0.40$ | Currently | | | | |
| $0.40 \Box D < 0.70$ | Good | | | | |
| $0.70 \Box D \Box 1.00$ | Good Very | | | | |

c. Validity Item Question

Validity is a measure that indicates the level of validity or authenticity of an instrument. The validation test used in this study is coefficient correlation (Arikunto, 2013: 93) which formulated like following.

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\text{d. } N \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{\{N \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2\}} \{N \sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2\}}}$$

Information:

 r_{xy} = coefficient correlation product moment

N = amount respondents

 $\sum x = \text{total score test items}$

 $\sum y = \text{total score total}$

Calculation validity grains question use SPSS. If mark $r_{h itun g} > r_{tabel}$, so grains question stated valid with level significance 0.05



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e. Reliability Question

Reliability indicates the level of dependability of something. Reliable means it can be trusted So can reliable. For know reliability all over The test used the *Cronbach's Alpha formula* (Djaali & Muljono, 2008) as follows.

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{k+1} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\sum P_i q_i}{S^2} \right\}$$

The criteria for a question are reliable if the calculated coefficient value (α) \geq 0.5 , at the level significance 5%. Retrieval decision based on on criteria Table 3.

Table 3.3 Criteria Reliability Question.

| Table 3.5 Citter | la Kenabinty Question. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Scale | Category |
| $0.8 \le r \ kk \le 1$ | Very Tall |
| $0.6 \leq r \ kk \leq 0.79$ | Tall |
| $0.4 \leq r \ kk \leq 0.59$ | Good |
| $0.2 \leq r \ kk \leq 0.39$ | Low |
| $0.0 \le r_{kk} \le 0.19$ | Very Low |

2. Technique Analysis Research Data

Technique analysis data study can explained as following.

a. Analysis Literacy Student Scientific

Literacy scientific student analyzed based on mark pretest And posttest.

b. Paired T-test

Test t-pair used For know difference mark *pretest* and *posttest*. Before conducting the paired t-test, a prerequisite test was conducted, namely the normality test. The statistical hypotheses tested in this study are as follows:

H_{0: there is no difference between pretest} and posttest scores

H₁: there is difference mark between *pretest* And *posttest*

 $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

Results and Discussion

1. Data Scientific Literacy

a. Table 4 Validity Test Butri Ouestion Scientific Literacy

| | | | _ | ı | 1 | | ı | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| r htung | 0.6777 | 0.513 | 0.577 | 0.506 | 0.491 | 0.336 | 0.517 | 0.380 |
| r tabel | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 | 0.158 |
| Information | valid | valid | valid | valid | valid | valid | valid | valid |
| Level Difficulty | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| | Currently | Currentl | Currently | Currently | Currentl | Currentl | Currently | Currentl |
| | | у | | | y | у | | y |



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| Power | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
| different | | | | | | | | |
| question | | | | | | | | |
| | Enough | Enough | Good | Good | Enough | Good | Enough | Good |

b. Table 5 Reliability Test of Scientific Literacy Question Items Quantitative data on scientific literacy is shown from *pretest* and *posttest scores*. This data can be seen in Table 6.

Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|---------------------|------------|
| ,548 | 8 |

Table 6 Results *Pretest* And *Posttest Scientific Literacy*

| | N | Min | Max | Mean | Std. Dev |
|----------|----|-----|-----|--------|----------|
| Pretest | 38 | 14 | 19 | 18.78 | 2.53782 |
| posttest | 38 | 25 | 30 | 22,552 | 2.77248 |

The results of the normality test using the Shapiro walk obtained a pretest significance of 0.162 and a posttest significance of 0.073. The pretest and posttest significance values were greater than 0.05, indicating that the data were normally distributed. The pretest and posttest data were normally distributed, so they could be tested using a paired sample t-test in SPSS 20. test the show that there is difference literacy scientific with significance of p = 0.000.

Table 7 Results Test Statistics

| | | | Statistics | Mark | Category |
|---------|--------|-----|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Paired | sample | t- | Mark t | - | |
| test | | | | 11,768 | |
| | | | Asymp.sig (2 tailed) | 0.000 | Different significant |
| | | | | | Posttest> pretest |
| N- gain | | | | 0.3 | Currently |
| Cohen's | d-eff | ect | | 0.7 | Currently |
| size | | | | | |

Table 7 show results test statistics data *pretest* And *posttest*. Changes in students' scientific literacy can be seen in the results of *the effect size calculation* of 0.7 which classified as currently (Cohen, 2007). Value *n-gain* obtained The average value is 0.3, indicating that it is in the moderate category. Thus, it can be concluded that *project-based learning* has an impact on *Scientific Literacy*.

Conclusion

The level of scientific literacy used is based on Bybee, there is an increase in the level of *scientific literacy* students as a whole with the project based learning model.



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