

RESEARCH BASIS OF CQ

THE RESEARCH BASIS FOR ASSESSING CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE

Cultural Intelligence is conceptualized as a multi-dimensional construct based on application of Robert Sternberg's integrative theoretical framework of different "loci" of intelligence. The dimensions of Cultural Intelligence represent qualitatively different aspects of the overall capability to function and manage effectively in culturally diverse settings.

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE IS...

Cultural Intelligence is a malleable capability that can be enhanced by multicultural experiences, training and self-awareness programs, travel and education.

- Cultural Intelligence is distinct from stable individual differences such as personality, which describe what a person typically does across time and across situations.
- Cultural Intelligence is also different from emotional intelligence because it focuses specifically on capabilities in multicultural contexts.

Cultural Intelligence has predictive validity over and above demographic characteristics, personality, general mental ability, emotional intelligence, cross-cultural adaptability inventory, rhetorical sensitivity, cross-cultural experience, and social desirability.

The Cultural Intelligence Scale has excellent psychometric properties:

- Published scholarly research demonstrates the factor structure of the scale is stable across samples, across time, and across cultures.
- In addition, self-rated scores are positively correlated with observer-rated scores, and multi-trait multimethod analysis supports the convergent and discriminant validity of the scale.
- Reliabilities of the four factors and sub-dimensions exceed the standard cut-off of .70.

Most important, research demonstrates that cultural intelligence predicts adjustment, well-being, cultural judgment and decision-making, and task performance in culturally diverse settings.

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