

1. Introduction to “The Research Process”

This first section provides resources on various stages in the research process and can be used as a framework for constructing a basic research proposal. The materials designed to inform the *research process* are grouped under particular headings – more or less in sequence, from the beginning of a research project through to presenting the research findings. While it is understood that research projects will not always proceed in such a linear fashion (and, in fact, rarely do), this framework has been used for the logical flow of the presentation.

The Research Process

Where to start



Project timeline

Ethics requirements & ethics applications

How to develop a methodology



Literature searches Internet searches



How to select research methods

Qualitative, quantitative or both (mixed methods)?



How to write a literature review

How to write a research proposal



How to collect data for the project

Observation, surveys, telephone interviews, focus groups?



How to analyse the data



How to address quality criteria in the research design



How to present the findings

