

The Six Elements of Research

What are the right
questions?

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All research is about
finding something out

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1. What do I want to find out?
2. Why is your subject important?
3. How will I find out, and why is this the best way?
4. What resources do I need?
5. How will I communicate my findings and to whom?
6. Do stages 2, 3, and 4 address the Research Questions?

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1. What do I want to find out?

This question will generate both your **aims** and **research questions**.

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2. Why is your subject important?

This question provides the **context** for your Research Questions and Literature Review.

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3. How will I find out, and why is this the best way?

This question provides the methods to address Research Questions. Different methods add up to a **methodology**.

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4. What resources do I need?

This question provides your

management structure:

collaborators, finances,

equipment and

schedule/timeline/GANNT

chart

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5. How will I communicate my findings and to whom?

This question addresses issues of **dissemination** and **impacts**.

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6. Do stages 2, 3, and 4 address the Research Questions and nothing else? They should each correspond to each other.

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Some other questions...

- How big is here?
- How long is now?
- Who is here now?

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Do you have any
questions?

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2005 British Council touring
exhibition of MAGNUM
photographers, visualising
climate change