

# Criteria for a good research question

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- ✓ The question should be answerable within the timeframe available (documents are available/ investigation is possible)
- ✓ The answer can be found through the means and capacities available to you (e.g. I know enough about the methods I will chose /I can collect sufficient data/documents to answer questions).
- ✓ The question facilitates reasoning, discussion and argumentation on a theme.
- ✓ The results are relevant to the research or teaching community.
- ✓ You can formulate the question precisely.
- ✓ The main question (research based question form) consists of not more than two sub-questions.
- ✓ The question refers to a concrete issue or observation, evident circumstances or discrepancies.

“W-Questions” are particularly suitable for the purpose:

Which?

HoW?

What?

Why?

Avoid questions that can be answered with yes or no.

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