**Checklist: What Makes a Researchable Question?**

You’ve identified the general area of your research and reviewed some of the literature. Are you now able to work out a researchable question?

Here are seven questions to ask yourself. Remember, it’s possible that not all will apply to you.

Do I know enough about the area I’m working in to formulate one or more interesting questions which relate to current issues or debates?

Do I know which methods I am going to use in my research? If not, see this section

Do I have the necessary competence in these methods? If not, can I acquire it in time to do this research?

Do I have the resources I need: equipment, office space, materials, support?

Can I get access to the research field?

Do I have the time needed to complete the work using the methods I’ve identified?

Do I have time to analyze my research findings, write them up coherently, and draw the project to a conclusion?

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