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How to Plan Your Research Project

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The overall objective of this course is to provide step-by-step practical guidance for planning research projects and developing a detailed project plan

Specific Course Objectives



Look at research projects through the project management lens



Discuss the difference between a research proposal and a project plan



Explore the steps involved in planning research projects



Study an example of a research project plan created using the Compass Guide project planning templates

Target Audience

Researchers, academics, professionals, and Doctoral and Master's students

Relevant Resource

[Compass Guide: How to Plan Your Research Project](#)

Available in English, Spanish and Portuguese

1-month complimentary viewing-only access



Course Delivery Format

4 online sessions of 2 hours each delivered in real time



Presentations



Group discussions



Workbook activities



Online polls



Project planning templates



Videos

Meet the Facilitator:

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Experience working in academia, government and business sectors

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Course Content

Session 1

Fundamentals of project management

Research projects seen through the project management lens
Critical success factors for planning feasible projects

Define project objectives

Factors which influence the process of turning research ideas into research questions

Define project scope

Factors that shape the scope of research projects

Plan project procedures and data collection

Planning project procedures to answer research questions
Considerations for planning data collection

Session 2

Plan project timeline

Factors that influence research project timeline
How to develop the project timeline

Plan project resources and budget

Assessment of resource requirements
Putting together a research project budget

Establish a research team

Project needs and team members' roles, expertise, responsibilities and time commitment

Session 3

Plan risk assessment and management

Identification and assessment of project risks
Planning risk responses, control and management

Plan project deliverables

Choosing appropriate deliverables for your research project

Prepare a research proposal

Standard components of a research proposal
Writing effective research proposals

Session 4

Obtain necessary approvals

Requirements and processes for obtaining ethical approval

Secure research funding

Characteristics of projects that are more likely to receive funding

Put together your project plan

Components of a detailed research project plan
How to keep your research project on track

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