

**AGILE Research Ltd.**

Helping you unlock your research potential

## AGILE Research Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Colleagues / Tēnā koutou,

Welcome to the May 2026 issue of the AGILE Research Newsletter.

Last month was the fifth anniversary of AGILE Research Ltd. To celebrate our journey to date, we are delighted to announce the release of two new Compass Guide books this month: “Compass Guide: Secrets of Successful Cross-Sector Collaborations” and the Spanish version of the book “Compass Guide for Research Project Management”. More details are provided within the newsletter.

Feel free to share this newsletter with others. If you or your organisation would like to work with us, just get in touch and we would be happy to discuss your needs.

Kind regards from New Zealand / Ngā mihi nui,

Dr Sandra Mandic, PhD, PMP  
Founder and Director, AGILE Research Ltd.



### Celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of AGILE Research Ltd.

April 2026 marked the fifth anniversary of AGILE Research Ltd. What an inspiring and rewarding journey that has been...

Along the way I wrote six Compass Guide books in English, released eight translated versions of these books in three languages, created over dozen short research training videos, designed and delivered customised research and project management training to various organisations and sectors in several countries, coached researchers on how to write research grant applications, innovated, pushed boundaries, shared knowledge, inspired others and built professional connections with many incredible individuals, teams and organisations around the globe.

It has been a truly inspiring journey of being guided by my vision to help organisations grow their research capacity, strengthen their research training, successfully plan and manage research projects and deliver high quality research outputs.

I have focused my efforts on building bridges between academic research and project management using knowledge acquired from 20+ years of experience in university-level teaching, leading research projects in academia and government, and my Project Management Professional (PMP) training.

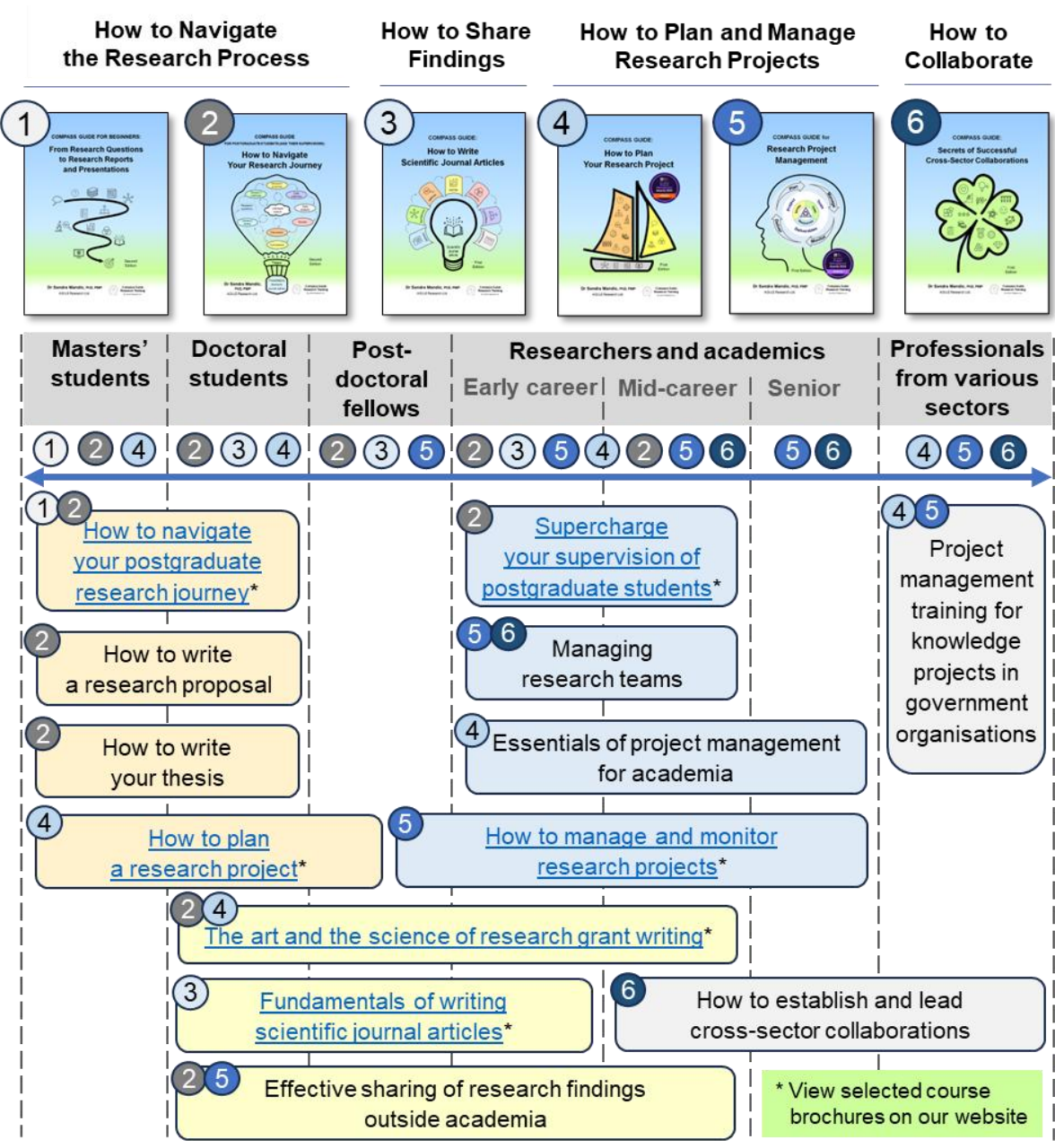
And all that **without** use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools and without any involvement of “ghost” writers, graphic designers, paid book reviewers, professional editors or external funding sources for my work on Compass Guide Research Training resources. Just me and my passions for research, innovation, academia, project management, learning, sharing and building bridges between people, sectors and worlds.

A massive thank you to many who have supported me along the way, including 42 peer reviewers of my books and particularly my wonderful family. I look forward to seeing this journey unfold in the years to come... ☺

# Who Will Benefit from Compass Guide Books and Courses

This page provides a visual overview of the published Compass Guide books and who will benefit from Compass Guide books and various Compass Guide courses. Refer to the [Compass Guide Research Training Catalogue](#) for details.

Contact us by [email](#) for more information and to discuss your organisation's needs.



## Our New Book Has Been released: “Compass Guide: Secrets of Successful Cross-Sector Collaborations”

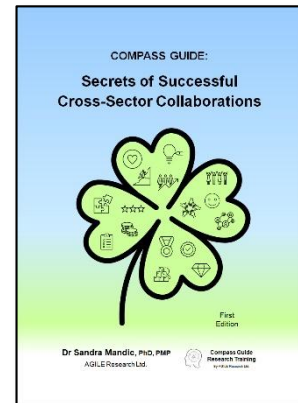
Building skills for working across sectors is not a luxury – it is a necessity.

In this book “Compass Guide: Secrets of Successful Cross-Sector Collaborations”, Dr Sandra Mandic draws on her experience of successfully initiating, growing, leading and managing the award-winning [BEATS Research Programme](#) between 2013 and 2023, and presents a framework for planning and managing cross-sector collaborations.

This book integrates key elements of cross-sector collaborations and existing literature across multiple fields (organisational and team management, project management, interdisciplinary research and cross-sector collaboration frameworks). The final chapter offers reflections on various aspects of the BEATS Research Programme from different perspectives. The book translates experience-based, often tacit knowledge into practical insights.

This 141-page book is written using a unique writing style – consistent with other books in the Compass Guide Book Series – and includes 70+ insights, over 80+ infographics and many examples.

Many thanks to ten book reviewers for their valuable comments and suggestions and Tessa Madden for her help with proofreading.



<a href="#">Check book web page</a>	<a href="#">Watch a 6-minute video about this book</a>	<a href="#">Have a look at a sample chapter</a>	<a href="#">Check out comments from book reviewers</a>	<a href="#">Read comments from the BEATS Team members</a>
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## Spanish Version of the Book “Compass Guide for Research Project Management”

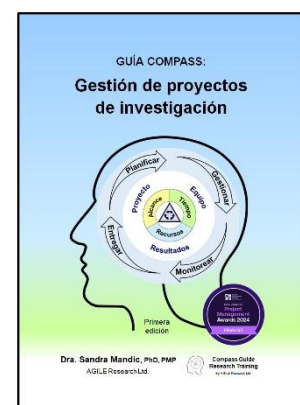
This book written by Dr Sandra Mandic covers fundamentals of project management and offers guidance and ideas for planning and managing research projects, monitoring progress and delivering research outputs – on time, with the available resources and appropriate for the target audience.



We are delighted to be able to offer this book in Spanish too (in addition to English version published in 2023).

Our sincere thank-you to Adjunct Assistant Professor Ursula Rojas Nazar for her assistance with this book translation.

Contact us by [email](#) if your team or organisations is interested in our training courses and workshops for planning and management of research and knowledge projects.



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