

Course brochure



Compass Guide
Research Training
By AGILE Research Ltd.

How to Plan Your Research Project

Designed and facilitated by Dr Sandra Mandic, PhD, PMP

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](#)

This award-winning book is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese



Course Delivery Format*

2 to 4 sessions of 1.5 to 2 hours each*



Presentations



Group discussions



Workbook activities



Online polls



Project planning templates



Videos

Facilitator:

[Dr. Sandra Mandic, PhD, PMP](#)

Founder and director of AGILE Research Ltd.

Award-winning researcher and author

Experience working in academia, government and business sectors

20+ years of leading academic research projects



Also available as a regular [online course](#) provided by AGILE Research Ltd.

Creator of the [Compass Guide Research Training](#)

**Specific course objectives and course format are suggested options only. Offered courses will be customised based on clients' needs.*

This course is available in English and Spanish

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Course Content

Part 1

Fundamentals of project management

Research projects seen through the project management lens

Define project objectives

Factors which influence turning ideas into research questions

Define project scope

Factors that shape the scope of research projects

Plan project procedures and data collection

Considerations for planning research procedures and data collection

Part 2

Plan project timeline

Factors that influence the 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

Part 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

Part 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

Reflections and course evaluation

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