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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

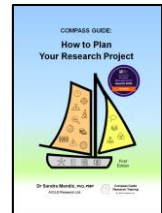
Researchers, academics, professionals, and Doctoral and Master's students

### 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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Founder and director of AGILE Research Ltd.

Experience working in academia, government and business sectors

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## How to Plan Your Research Project

### 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 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

#### 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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