

Objectives

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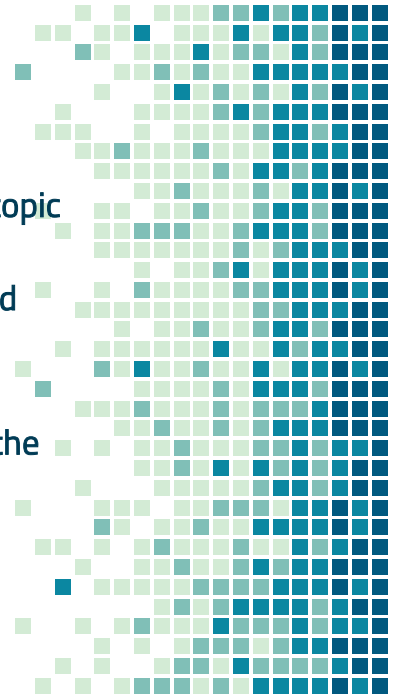
Research topic

- Research topic is also called the Research Problem or Purpose.
- It is the first step in applying the scientific research.
- Research Topic will provide researcher future structure and focus.
- Initial topic may be broad and open but later on it must be narrowed so that it may become Meaningful.
- Thus researcher must identify a proper topic.

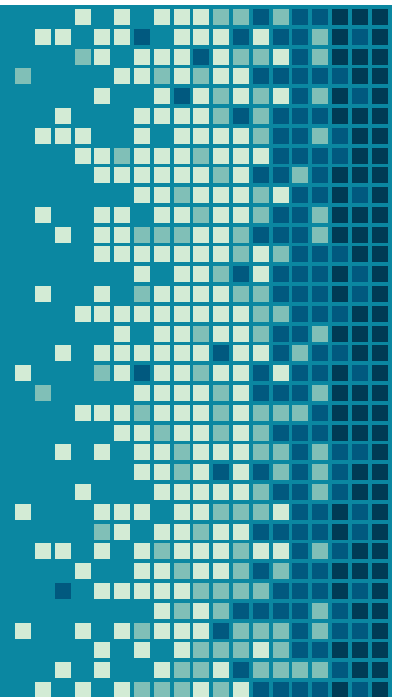


Identifying the research topic

- It is the foremost important to identify a research topic from a general subject area.
- Researcher have a certain expertise in the selected subject area.
- It must be of some interest to the Researcher
- Researcher is eager to solve a certain problem in the research proposed topic .
- It may be of some important guideline for policy making etc.



“ Selecting the topic
(problem)



Selecting the problem

- The research problem undertaken for study must be carefully selected.
- A research guide can at the most only help a researcher choose a subject.
- However, there are many points may be observed by researcher in selecting a research problem or a subject for research .

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The subject for research is selected properly by observing the following points:

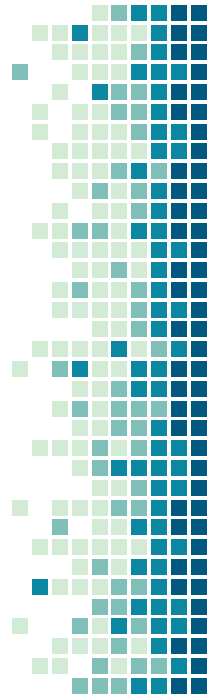
- (i) Subject which is overdone should not be normally chosen.
- (ii) Controversial subject should not become the choice of an average researcher.
- (iii) Too narrow or too vague problems should be avoided.
- (iv) The subject selected for research should be familiar and feasible so that the related research material or sources of research are within one's reach.

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The subject for research is selected properly by observing the following points:

- (v) The importance of the subject, the qualifications and the training of a researcher, the costs involved, the time factor are few other criteria that must be considered.
- (vi) The selection of a problem must be preceded by a preliminary study.

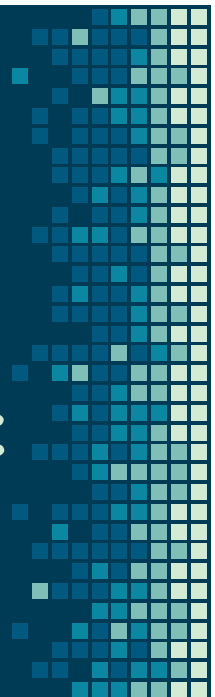
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Sources of research topic



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- Few sources for a researcher to trace and identify a research Topic are:
- **Theories:** it is body of concepts and principles that can be investigated e.g. theories of law which caused development in legal research.
- **Personal Experiences:** questions which arise in the mind of researcher during discussions, study, group discussions , facing new problems or hot debates etc.

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Sources of research topic

- **Previous Studies:** previous studies may also help
- **Library Search:** Book study in a library helps the researcher to emerge or refine a topic.
- **Electronic Mailing :** Researcher use email to consult, get advice of peers and experts in the field.
- Electronic service is a good source for gathering information to emerge a research topic.
- Google scholar , linkedin, blogs, e-libraries, e-books, journals and research gates , pubmed etc are a few sources.

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A good topic is

- Topic must be interesting and researchable.
- A good topic is worth valuing both in terms of time and efforts.
- Topic is to be more professional and more effective.
- It may contribute something to the society and nation.
- Topic must be interesting & motivate the researcher.
- A narrow topic save time and get more seriousness of the researcher.



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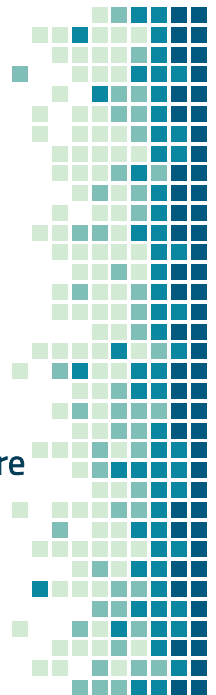
Narrowing the topic

- Initial topic selection it must be narrowed down to a manageable one.
- Quantitative Research topic is narrowed easily at initial stage unlike to the Qualitative Research.
- A narrow Topic eases the research in different aspects including data collection and refining the research.



A good topic

- Topic must have a theoretical or practical significance.
- It must cause in improvement of the existing theories.
- Research must not be unethical or harmful to any one.
- Topic must be manageable to the researcher therefore mere interest is not sufficient.
- It can adequately be investigated by researcher.



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