



Assignment: Write a Research Proposal

Walk your students through the basic steps of designing a research project by having them select a research topic, then write up a research proposal. **SAGE Research Methods** can help them with each step.

- **Write a Research Question**—Students often have a good research topic, but sometimes need help refining their research question. A quick search on **SAGE Research Methods** gives them information on what makes a good, testable research question.
- **Conduct a Literature Review**—**SAGE Research Methods** includes information on how to conduct a literature review, as well as how to write-up the results.
- **Choose a method**—Stephen Gorard’s video “**How do I choose between different research methods?**” talks about how to select the right method for your research.
 - Dictionary and Encyclopedia entries are a great way to get a quick introduction to a method and narrow down the best means of testing their research question.
 - If your library has access, **SAGE Research Methods Cases** can also help select methods. Students can search case studies for research questions similar to theirs and use the same or similar methodology.
- **Write a Methodology Section**—Once they’ve selected a method, books or monographs on that particular method will give students the deeper understanding they need to write a methodology section.

