SAGE Research Methods Cases
Important Information

Is SAGE Research Methods Cases a journal?
• SAGE Research Methods Cases is not a journal, but rather an online resource for teaching and learning. New case studies are published once annually.
• As a result, cases do not carry an impact factor; however, each published case study is assigned its own ISBN and DOI.
• Though published digitally, SAGE Research Methods cases is not an open-access platform.

How do case studies differ from journal articles?
• Case studies are different from journal articles in that the primary audience will be student readers, rather than the wider academic community.
• With the student reader in mind, you should be telling us about how you did your research. Cases are “warts and all” descriptions of how research is done in the real world.
• Your findings, while important, are not the key feature of a research methods case. Instead, your case must focus on how you went about your research, the decisions you took and your reflections on the process. It should provide generalizable lessons to inform your reader’s own research projects.

Are cases peer reviewed?
• Yes. Each case will be subjected to a peer review process. The decision to publish is based on the opinion of the reviewer.
• Our reviewers will assess cases on their pedagogical value, considering whether the case will be accessible, interesting and informative for a student reader. Therefore, you should aim to appeal directly to your student reader.
• Review comments and a publication decision generally are received eight to ten weeks after you submit your case study to SAGE.
• Following the reviewer’s comments you may be asked to revise your case study, either independently or working with our content development team.
• Depending on the reviewer’s comments and our publication schedule, cases receiving a “reject” decision may be offered the opportunity to revise and resubmit. Your editorial contact can discuss further details with you should this situation arise.

Does SAGE Research Methods Cases appear in print?
Successful case studies will be published digitally on the award-winning SAGE Research Methods online platform, and will not appear in print. While SAGE does not produce a printed volume of the collection, each individual case study can be downloaded as a printready PDF.
May I write about any topic?

- Currently we are accepting cases on research methods in all areas of the social sciences. Please refer to the Case Submission Template for a list of research areas we are considering for this collection.

May I write about my Ph.D. research?

- SAGE welcomes case studies based on recent Ph.D. research. We are also happy to consider joint submissions from supervisors and students reflecting on published or doctoral research.
- Please remember that we are primarily interested in your personal experience of conducting research, and that sometimes this will deal with the rough as well as the smooth. There is no need to gloss over the difficulties— in fact, we welcome your reflections on how these challenges affected your research!

I am an experienced researcher – why should I write a case study for SAGE?

- As an experienced researcher, you will very likely have been through many cycles of the “ups and downs” of the research process.
- We want to show both the challenges and rewards of research. The insights you have to share will be valuable for less experienced researchers. Help us educate the next generation of medical and health researchers on what they should (and shouldn’t) do in their own research.
- Please bear in mind that case studies should reflect on the methods used in a single, recent research project.

What are the direct benefits of writing a case for SAGE?

- If we publish your case study, you will be provided with 12 months free access to the SAGE Research Methods Cases platform, from the date of publication.
- Links within your case study can direct readers toward your original research. If you have already published the findings of your research in a journal, why not write a case study about how you did this research?

May I circulate SAGE’s call for case studies?

Yes, please feel free to share SAGE’s call for submissions with your colleagues and professional network. We are currently accepting case studies on research methods in all areas of the social sciences.

Is there a required format or style?

- Yes. All submissions must use the relevant Case Submission Template and follow our Manuscript Guidelines. This ensures consistency across the collection and minimizes the post-review workload for authors.
- Cases that do not use the Case Submission Template will be returned to authors for correction before being sent to peer review.
Can my case study be cited as an individual work?

- Yes, each published case study will be assigned a unique ISBN and DOI.
- Below are examples of common citation styles for individual cases:


  **Harvard**  Contributor surname, Contributor initial., Year. ‘Case study title’ [online]. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. [Accessed date] DOI.


  **Chicago**  Contributor surname, Contributor first name. “Case study title.” *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, 2021. DOI.

May I deposit my case study in an open-access archive?

SAGE’s archiving policy allows pre-copyedited and final versions of case studies to be archived in institutional and funding body repositories. Embargo periods and quantity limits do apply. Please contact the editorial team to request the full open-access archiving policy.

How quickly will my case be published?

At the time of writing, we anticipate that successful case studies will be published in early 2021. If your case study receives a positive decision, you will be able to list it as “forthcoming” once the publication agreement has been signed.

What does the publication schedule look like?

- **Submission**  We typically ask authors to submit a case study within six to eight weeks of providing initial information.

- **Peer review**  After submission, peer review comments and a publication decision generally are received within eight to ten weeks.

- **Revisions**  Case studies requiring minor revisions will be sent directly back to authors for revision. Case studies requiring major revisions will be sent directly from peer review to our content development team, who will work with authors to revise their case in accordance with the peer reviewer’s comments, project requirements and guidelines, and SAGE publishing standards. Depending on the level of revision required, we typically ask for revised case studies to be returned to us within two to four weeks.
Publication agreement  Once our editorial team receives and reviews your revised case study, a publication agreement will be sent to you via email within approximately one week. After returning the signed agreement, you may cite your case study as “forthcoming.”

Production  After receiving your signed agreement, we will deliver your case study to our production department for copy-editing and preparation for online publication. Proofs will be delivered to you directly from our production department for your final approval before publication.

My question hasn’t been answered here.  Please feel free to contact the SAGE Research Methods Cases editorial team, emailing Hannah.batson@sagepub.co.uk.