

Developing your research question



Your research question

What aspect(s) of your field are you most interested in exploring in depth?

Why? What interests (or frustrates or niggles or fascinates) you about the topic(s)?

What is your word limit?

How can you narrow down/make your topic more specific? What parameters can you add?



Your research context

What might your explorations of this topic change about the field?

- Why aren't you happy with what other researchers have said about it already?



Your approach or method

How might you go about setting out and exploring your particular 'take' on this topic?

- What methods have other researchers used to explore their research questions in this field?
- Do you need to collect or generate data – from people or experiments – to answer your question?
- Where will you find evidence for and against your argument? How might you analyse and compare it?