



How to Develop Research Topics (all scientific fields)

The workshop will help you identify an interesting topic for research and to develop a research question that is relevant and concrete enough for your bachelor's, master's or doctoral thesis and to present it in a thesis proposal.

Day 1 – Theory

Preparatory work:

- What is a 'research question'?
- General preparations before deciding on the research question

Finding a topic:

- What topic interests me and is also a fruitful one to work on?
- What sources of information can I use?

Defining the research question:

- How can I crystallize my research question out of the mass of information?
- What characteristics make a research question good or bad?

Project planning:

- How much time will I need for the project I am planning?
- Planning work stages and milestones

Thesis proposal:

- Structure and organisation of the proposal
- Between day 1 and day 2 you write a draft of your proposal

Day 2 – Practice

- You give a short presentation of your proposal.
- We analyse and discuss the proposals in the group.

Participants: Science students of all subject areas who will soon begin work on their bachelor's, master's or doctoral theses and need to formulate a research question and prepare a proposal for their project.

Language: German or English

Length: 2 days with an interval of about one month between them. Alternatively, the theoretical part (day 1) can be ordered alone.

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