

WRITING RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Research questions help you stay laser focused on your passion.

Questions should be specific, measurable, and realistic:

SPECIFIC • *What exactly do you want to accomplish?*

MEASURABLE • *How will you measure success?*

REALISTIC • *Is it possible to achieve?*

Here are some examples of research questions and how they rank. How would you revise these questions to ensure they are specific, measurable and realistic?

TOO NARROW <i>What is the number of students currently enrolled in art in our school district?</i>	LESS NARROW <i>How does the education level of arts specialists impact enrollment in art courses in our school district?</i>
TOO BROAD <i>What are the effects of art on students' long term academic success?</i>	MORE FOCUSED <i>How does enrollment in art courses correlate with academic performance in middle school students?</i>
TOO OBJECTIVE <i>How much time do young students spend making art per day?</i>	MORE SUBJECTIVE <i>What is the relationship between art making and academic success in math among elementary students?</i>
TOO SIMPLISTIC <i>How are schools addressing creative development in students?</i>	MORE COMPLEX <i>What are the effects of interdisciplinary measures by classroom teachers incorporating art on a weekly basis among 4th grade students?</i>