

THOUGHT GUIDE FOR RESEARCH QUESTIONS

This "thought guide" is intended to guide thinking and small group discussions. Use it in your own way; you need not fill it out. However, if you do, please consider sharing it with us so we can capture your ideas and thoughts as we draft the research agenda over the coming months!

Potential Research Question:

If it's helpful, you might consider that many library value research questions have three parts:

1. the service, expertise, or resource the library offers,
2. a verb showing relationship (contribute, impact, affect, influence, relate, cause determine) and
3. an area of impact (learning, retention, success).

Is the question worth answering? What is the purpose of answering it?

What evidence/data will help answer the question? How can you get that evidence/data?

What research method would yield that evidence/data? What are the advantages/disadvantages of each research method listed?

What partners/collaborators could be involved?

What do you expect to result from this research? Who will care about the results of this research?

What do the studies that would answer this question look like?

How should they be designed?

What should they include?

What should their purpose be?

What methods should be used?