

ESD.83 Assignment 8: Developing a Well-Posed Research Question

One paper approx. 750 words; 10% of total grade

Select an important problem associated with your primary area of scholarly interest, Write a brief memo that includes the following:

- Overarching Problem Statement – motivation for the research
- Specific Research Question – posed broad enough to be relevant, narrow enough to be the subject of a rigorous **18-36** month research study that has a high probability of yielding valuable insights
- Additional Request: Be sure to also include an example of a research question in this same domain that is far too broad and an example of one that is far too narrow
- Summary of Relevant Data, Tools, Methods, Models, and Design – a succinct statement on the way you will go about addressing the research question (recognizing that there is always additional learning that emerges in the research process)

Thus, the memo should have three major parts, which correspond to “What” you will study (the research question, with the overly narrow and overly broad additions), “Why” the study is important (the problem statement), and “How” you will do the research (the Data, Tools, Methods, Models, and Design).

***** This assignment may be tailored to individual needs and learning potential. Please make an appointment with teaching team if you wish to discuss tailoring.**

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