**Unit 2: Research Questions, the Literature Review and the Research Proposal**

#### In this unit we shall:

* Look at how you formulate and revise research questions.
* Look at all the parts that make up a research proposal and how to present your thoughts.
* Explain what a literature review is, how to perform it and how to present it.

#### On completion of this unit you will be able to:

* Examine the characteristics that make up a suitable research topic.
* Explore rational and creative methods for formulating a research idea.
* Identify means of transforming research ideas into crafted research questions and proposal.
* Conduct a literature search, critique the literature and to present a literature review.

#### References

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