

RESEARCH AT THE USC LIBRARIES

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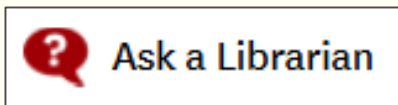
What are you working on?



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Subject Librarians and Libraries

➤ Research and sources can be very different for different disciplines and subjects



[Subject librarians](#)

Slavic Languages & Literature	Anthony Anderson
Social Sciences Data	Katharin Peter
Social Work	Melanee Vicedo
Sociology	Melanee Vicedo
Spanish and Portuguese Languages & Literatures	Barbara Jon Robinson
Spatial Sciences	Katharin Peter
Sports Studies	Stacy Williams
Television	Stephen Lawrence Hanson
Television	Sandra M. Garcia-Myers

Libraries and collections



Accounting Library
Today: 7:30am - 10:30pm

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Architecture and Fine Arts Library
Today: 9am - 10pm

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Cinematic Arts Library
Today: 9am - 10pm

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Doheny Memorial Library
Today: 8am - 10pm

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East Asian Library
Today: 8am - 10pm

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Gaughan & Tiberti Library
Today: 7:30am - 11pm

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Research Guides

Search ▾ *Start your research here* 🔍

REFINE YOUR SEARCH **DATABASE QUICKLINKS** **ADVANCED SEARCH >**

What does this search do?

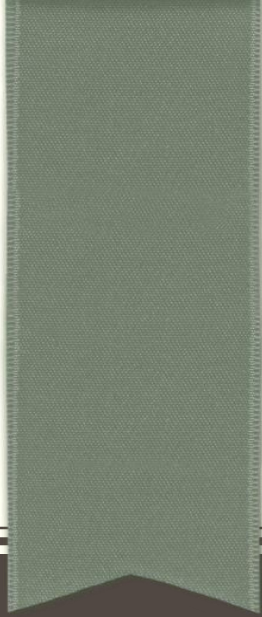
Offers the most comprehensive coverage of the USC Libraries' physical and electronic holdings. Includes millions of full-text journal articles and e-books.

USC Libraries Search [User Guide >](#)

See Also

[Google Scholar >](#) [WorldCat >](#)

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PLANNING FOR RESEARCH

Resources about research

Research Help & How-tos

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- [Academic Integrity](#) ⓘ
- [Altmetrics](#) ⓘ
- [APA Style: Citing Your Sources](#) ⓘ
- [BrowZine](#) ⓘ
- [Careers](#) ⓘ
- [Chicago Manual of Style](#) ⓘ
- [Citation Guide](#) ⓘ
- [Computer Games Research Guide](#) ⓘ
- [Connecting to Electronic Library Resources from Off-Campus](#) ⓘ



- [Organizing Your Social Sciences Research Paper](#) -> Writing a Research Proposal and Research Designs
- [Organizing Research for Arts and Humanities Papers and Theses](#) -> Writing a Literature Review

Scope and Method

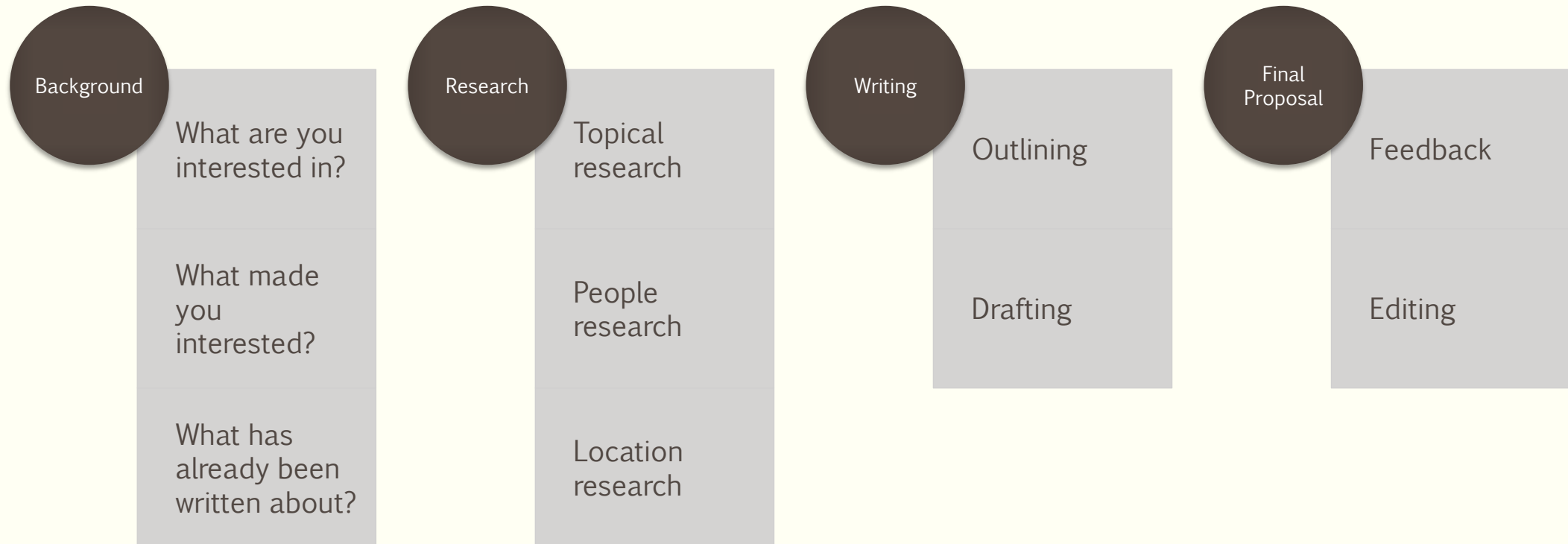
The scope of a research project should fit into the real constraints of time, funding, and accessibility

- To convince funders or grant/scholarship committees that it's feasible
- To allow yourself to explore a topic in the space allotted
- Talk with an advisor or look at examples of successful projects
- Make a timeline of the research. Does it look realistic?

Methodology should be doable and appropriate to the research question. Ask yourself: what do you want to know, and what would be the best way to get that information?

Example (of a proposal that was revised many times after this draft...)

Timeline – work backwards!



Research guides – look for similar studies or literature reviews on your topic in subject databases



Topical research

People research

Location research

Can you figure out who the top scholars or experts are in your field?

How about USC faculty?

- Academic Departments
- Research Centers

Don't be afraid to contact them!

Country Reports - get a sense of the place you'll be doing research (if in another country)

Resources while abroad and after graduating



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While abroad, you still have access to all electronic library resources, in addition to document delivery.

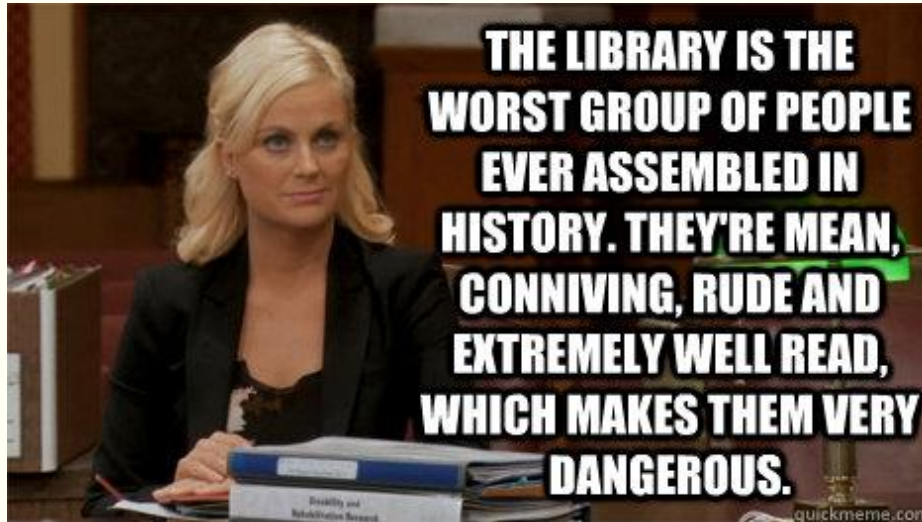
Libraries may be very different in other countries.

Services for alumni

Open access resources

Google Scholar

Questions?



(this is not true)

Via <http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3tsmgj>