

How to Frame Your Research Problem?

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Research Stages

- Framing Your Research
- Designing Your Research
- Reporting Your Research



Framing Your Research

What is your research problem?

Why is it important?

What are your research questions?

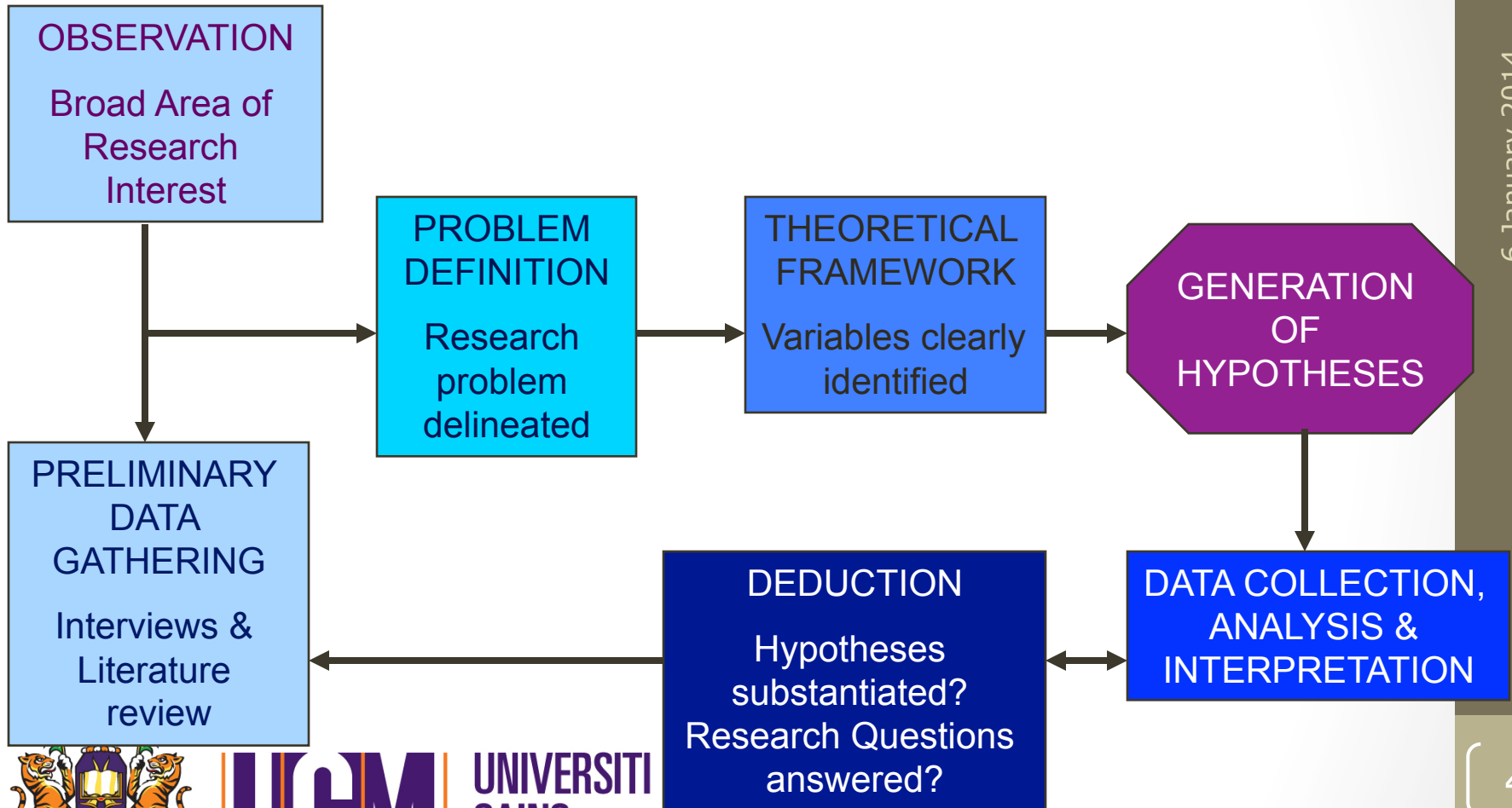
How is your research related to your present body of knowledge?

What are the various concepts involved in your research and how are they interrelated?

What are their hypothesized relationship?



The Research Process



How do I find a Worthwhile Research Problem?

- Start with **observation**
- Followed by a **literature review** to further understand the subject matter
 - What to look for in this review?
 - Start to have general understanding of the subject matter
 - Document the main conclusions and or related issues



How do I find a Worthwhile Research Problem?

- Note suggestions for future research
[this gives clues as to what are the limitations or shortcomings of the study]

THINK ->->->->->->!!!!!!

Ask lots of questions

- Are the findings credible??
- Can you do better? [What to improve?]
- What are the assumptions used in those studies??
- Start scribbling something that could simplify the issues at hand.



How do I find a Worthwhile Research Problem?

- Phenomena does not occur in a disorderly, haphazard or inconsistent manner.
 - Notice if there is any significant **trend** emerging
 - Always look for **patterns**.
- Never assume that nature is unnecessarily complicated
- Seek always the simplest explanation first.



What's Next? I am still blurred!

- Most students think that they have had enough readings but they still fail to see the light!
- Why? What is wrong??
- Most of them fail to

Think and Connect



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