

## **About *SAGE Research Methods (SRM)***

*SAGE Research Methods* is a research methods tool created to help researchers, faculty and students with their research projects. *SAGE Research Methods* links over 175,000 pages of SAGE's renowned book, journal and reference content with truly advanced search and discovery tools. Researchers can explore methods concepts to help them design research projects, understand particular methods or identify a new method, conduct their research, and write up their findings. Since *SAGE Research Methods* focuses on methodology rather than disciplines, it can be used across the social sciences, health sciences, and more.

With *SAGE Research Methods*, researchers can explore their chosen method across the depth and breadth of content, expanding or refining their search as needed; read online, print, or email full-text content; utilize suggested related methods and links to related authors from *SAGE Research Methods*' robust library and unique features; and even share their own collections of content through Methods Lists. *SAGE Research Methods* contains content from over 720 books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks, the entire "Little Green Book," and "Little Blue Book" series, two Major Works collating a selection of journal articles, and specially commissioned videos.

## **About *SAGE Research Methods Cases (SRMC)***

*SAGE Research Methods Cases* is a collection of case studies of real social research that faculty can use in their teaching. Cases are original, specially commissioned, and designed to help students understand often abstract methodological concepts by introducing them to case studies of real research projects.

Available as an add-on to *SAGE Research Methods* or as a stand-alone product, SRMC includes original case studies of real research projects and research scenarios written by the researchers themselves. No research project exists on paper or in a vacuum, and these case studies complement students' theoretical understanding (or lack of) by exploring the difficulties, nuances and real-life decisions that researchers are forced to make.

## **About *SAGE Research Methods Datasets (SRMD)***

*SAGE Research Methods Datasets (SRMD)* is a collection of teaching datasets that can be used to support the teaching and independent learning of quantitative and qualitative analytical methods used in the social sciences. These are teaching datasets taken from larger national and international data sources, edited and cleaned for teaching purposes. Each dataset will be accompanied by a short clear narrative description of the data and easy-to-follow instructions on how to apply the research method. The originating datasets will be fully cited and linked to, and all datasets will be tagged with useful metadata. They are also downloadable for further manipulation with analytic software. Each dataset will be accompanied by a handful of static

visualisations and a set of narrative guidelines on how to use the dataset, how to understand the method, and how to apply the analytical technique in question. When paired with the theoretical content in SAGE Research Methods, users can practice the techniques they've just read about in a single online platform.

## Benefits for Librarians

### Send patrons to SRM when:

- They are looking for information on how to design and conduct a research project
- They need to learn new research methods
- They need help doing a literature review or analyzing their data

The books, reference works, journal articles, and case studies in *SAGE Research Methods* provide everything a researcher needs to design and execute a research project. From writing a valid research question to conducting a literature review to choosing and applying a method, the content in *SAGE Research Methods* will inform every step of the project.

The full range of methods used in the social and behavioral sciences are covered, as are many commonly used in science, technology, and medicine.



## Content

*SAGE Research Methods* contains information suited to all levels of researchers, from undergrads starting their first projects to the most senior faculty. Content includes dictionary and encyclopedia entries, book chapters, full books, journal articles, the complete Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences and Qualitative Research Methods series, and case studies from the *SAGE Research Methods Cases* collection.

If you're looking for	Try
A quick explanation of a term or concept	Dictionary or Encyclopedia entry
In-depth overview of a particular method	Whole books (Little Green and Little Blue Books can be especially useful for method overviews)
In-depth coverage of a specific aspect of a method	Book chapters that hone in on that topic
Actual examples of methods applied in real research contexts	Journal articles or Cases

## The Research Process

- **Write a Research Question**—Students often have a good research topic, but sometimes need help refining their research question. A [quick search](#) on SRM gives them info on what makes a good, testable research question.
- **Conduct a Literature Review**—SRM includes info on [how to conduct](#) a literature review, as well as how to [write-up the results](#).
- **Choose a Method**—This [video](#) talks about how to select the right method for your research.
  - o Dictionary and Encyclopedia entries are a great way to get a quick introduction to a method and narrow down the best means of testing their research question.
  - o If your library has access, *SAGE Research Methods Cases* can also help select methods. Students can search case studies for research questions similar to theirs and use the same or similar methodology.
- **Gather, Analyze, and Present the Data**—The many book titles on particular methods equip students to gather and analyze their data, and case studies can show them the obstacles and questions that can often arise in the course of a project to help them anticipate these twists.
- **Dissemination**—SRM has resources on completing a [dissertation](#) and/or submitting work for [publication](#).

## Benefits for Faculty & Students

The books, reference works, journal articles, and case studies in **SAGE Research Methods** provide everything you and your students need to design and execute a research project. From verifying that your research question is a good one to conducting a literature review to choosing the most appropriate methods, the content in **SAGE Research Methods** will inform every step of the research process. The full range of methods used in the social and behavioral sciences are covered, as are many commonly used in science, technology, and medicine.



### Supervising Student Research

If you're overseeing a student research project, thesis, or dissertation, you can direct students to SRM to help with every step of the research process:

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### **Teaching Research Methods Courses**

All of the content on SRM is designed to instruct readers new to a method or a concept in how to employ that method or concept themselves in their own research. As such, SRM is the perfect resource for those teaching Research Methods courses. You can curate reading lists for your students by creating a Methods List and setting it to public. Watch this video for more information.

**Library guide :** <http://sagepub.libguides.com/researchmethods>