

Tips for Facilitating Education Research September 2011

1. Select an issue/problem/topic of critical value to your department (citation from ACGME, identified deficiency in curriculum or assessment, etc)
2. Do a preliminary literature search to ensure your research will add to the existing literature (it hasn't already been done)
3. Get buy-in about the value from your department chair or division chief
4. Collaborate with another educator in your department, at a similar program or with someone doing similar work at MSSM or at an outside institution
5. Identify a research mentor (expert in education research and/or this specific topic)
6. Identify resources to supplement your skills (statistical analysis, data collection, GCO/IRB forms, manuscript draft or editing)
7. Create a timeline with your mentor
8. Set aside regularly scheduled time in your calendar that you dedicate to your scholarship
9. Identify your ideal yet realistic site for publication (journal, MedEdPORTAL, website, etc)