# Is your potential project feasible?

*Only work through the following questions if you have already compiled a list of potential research questions but find it difficult to choose.*

* Do you have reliable access to a relevant sample? Some research question require access to a very specific (left-handed bilingual Chinese-French participants between the age of 19 and 25)*,* or small population(world class concert pianists with a speech impediment), or where access is guarded or restricted (patients in a clinical setting, vulnerable adults, children). Will you be able to gain access to a sufficiently large number of participants?
* And if so, will you be able to gain access *in time for your project*?
* And if so, too, will you be able to gain access, in time, *in large enough numbers*?
* Will you have access to the tools you might need, e.g. eye-tracking machine, MRI scanners, etc.?
* Will you have access to rooms if you need them, for example, if you’re conducting experiments with participants? Do you need access to a computing lab and will you be able to get it?
* Will you have enough time to do the research? Is the project feasible in the amount of time you have available? For example, if you plan to do research in a clinical setting or where you need access to vulnerable groups consider that the process to secure ethics approval might be complex and take a long time. If your research requires a large number of individual milestones, will you be able to complete all of them?
* If your potential project has an online component (online survey, online testing tools, Skype interviews, etc.) do you have reliable and consistent Internet access?
* If your potential project requires a custom-built testing tool, do you have the IT skills to develop this tool yourself, or do you have reliable access to people who can do this for you?
* Do you have a backup plan or fall-back options? Or does your project rely on everything going absolutely smoothly?
* Do you know what you are going to do with the data once you have started? Do you have the skills, or willingness to acquire the skill, to analyse the data?