

Q & A

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M.S. Research Project #64531

What aspects of an M.S. research project do you think are most important for success?

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▼ **Timeframe** (5)

-  A realistic timeline
-  Able to be accomplished in appropriate time frame.
-  Appropriate time frame
-  Realistic
-  Realistic research goals in a timely schedule





A word cloud visualization for the 'Timeframe' category. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the center. The most prominent words are 'frame', 'time', and 'Realistic', which are in a larger font size. Other words include 'research', 'Able', 'Appropriate', 'timeline', 'goal', 'timely', 'realistic', 'appropriate', 'schedule', and 'accomplished'.





▼ **Innovation** (4)

-  Determining if research/academia is right for them
-  Focus on a specific project and the student is interested in and





can be potentially finished within 2 years.

-  Generating a publication or two
-  Scientifically relevant.




▼ **Intention** (4)

-  Avoid risky research goals with a high potential of failure
-  Focused
-  Frequent and clear communication between advisor and student
-  Organization and commitment to the project

▼ **Student background** (4)




-  Appropriate to student's ability
-  Delineated courses
-  Feasibility
-  Student is invested and interested in project

▼ **Data analysis** (3)




-  Adequately training student for their career
-  Generating a preliminary dataset for incorporation into a proposal
-  Research methods should be

something a student can master within a feasible time frame, to allow time for proper analysis/writing.



▼ **Level** (3)

-  A clearly defined research question
-  Commitment by student and advisor
-  Do-able in 2 years



▼ **Techniques building** (3)

-  Defined goals
-  Learn new techniques (lab, field, writing etc.)
-  Timeline with milestones



▼ **Alignment with overall research goal** (2)

-  A clearly defined research question
-  Supports faculty research goals



▼ **Goal setting and time management** (2) Similar to: Feasibility

-  Clearly defined question
-  Frequent check ins with advisor


▼ **Observation** (2)

-  Analytical work to obtain data
-  Description of data

▼ **Quantitative** (2)

-  Building data collection and synthesis skills
-  Data output

▼ **Appropriate time frame** (1)

-  Specific time outline for meeting goals