The Research Question

Main types of research questions
1. Descriptive
2. Observational/Relational
3. Causal (cause and effect)
4. Prognosis
5. Evaluation/Criticism
6. Formative

Characteristics of a good analytical question
1. Specific
2. Complex
3. Precise
4. Operational
5. Relevant

The three key parameters of a good research question: If you change one of the key parameters, it affects the other two.

WHAT?  ...do you want to find out or address?  The first starting question

WITH WHAT?  ...do you want to answer the research question, realize the writing project?

E.g.: Literature, references, interviewees, research topic, materials, methodological tools, applied concepts and models

HOW?  ...do you want to answer the question, realize the writing project?

E.g.: Contrast, compare, choose, interview, describe, analyze Process documentation, theoretical approaches that constitute the theoretical framework.

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