

Primary Research Questions:

What are the primary research questions? Can the data/method address the primary research questions?

Data sources:

Will the data be available in a timely way? In an usable format? How were the data collected?

Population of interest, Sample, and Unit of analysis:

What is the sample? Is the sample reasonably representative or at least biased in a known fashion? Is the unit of analysis appropriate for the research question?

Primary outcomes variables/primary explanatory variables:

*Are the variables appropriate to the research question?
Are you clear as to how the variables are measured?*

Research Design (comparison groups):

*What comparisons will address the research question(s)?
What sensitivity analyses do you plan?*

Statistical Methods:

What methods do you plan to use? How are these appropriate to the research question and data?

Results:

How will your results answer your research question (e.g., which coefficients will assess the impact of the program or characteristics?)

Strengths of Study:

What are these likely to be?

Weaknesses of Study:

What are these likely to be?

How was this research used in the policy arena? What impact did it have?

How might this research be useful? Who might find it useful?