

# DEVELOPING RESEARCHER CAPABILITY:

What can I research and  
how do I do it?

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# Workshop *Overview*

- Issues and trends for WIL research
- Group activity
- Common methodologies and methods for WIL research
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- Group activity
- Report Back/ Wrap up



# Issue and trends in WIL research

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Quality and sustainable practice of WIL

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Access, equity and inclusion

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Wellbeing (for all stakeholders)

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Risk in WIL

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Stakeholder relationships and partnerships

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Technology and WIL

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UN SDG's and WIL

MIND MAP  
ACTIVITY:

WHAT ARE WE  
CURIOUS ABOUT  
WIL?





# Research begins with a “curiosity”

Curiosities are endless and fascinating but.....

For quality WIL research, they need to be matched to the methodology.

# Methodology v Methods

*Frequently used terms that are often confused or incorrectly used*

**Methodology** is ...

“ a frame of reference on which the method of inquiry is based on and is typically subjected to a specific set of guiding principles” (Lucas, Fleming & Bhosale, 2018, p.215)

**Methods** are the way the data is collected and analyzed

*Useful Resource: IJWIL 2018 Special Issue: Work-integrated learning research methodologies and methods*



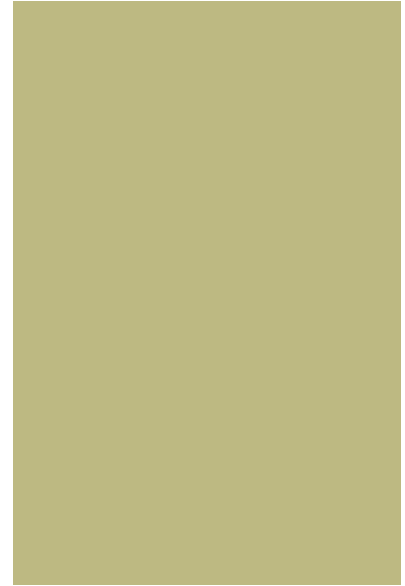
# Commonly used...

## Methodologies:

- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Mixed Methods

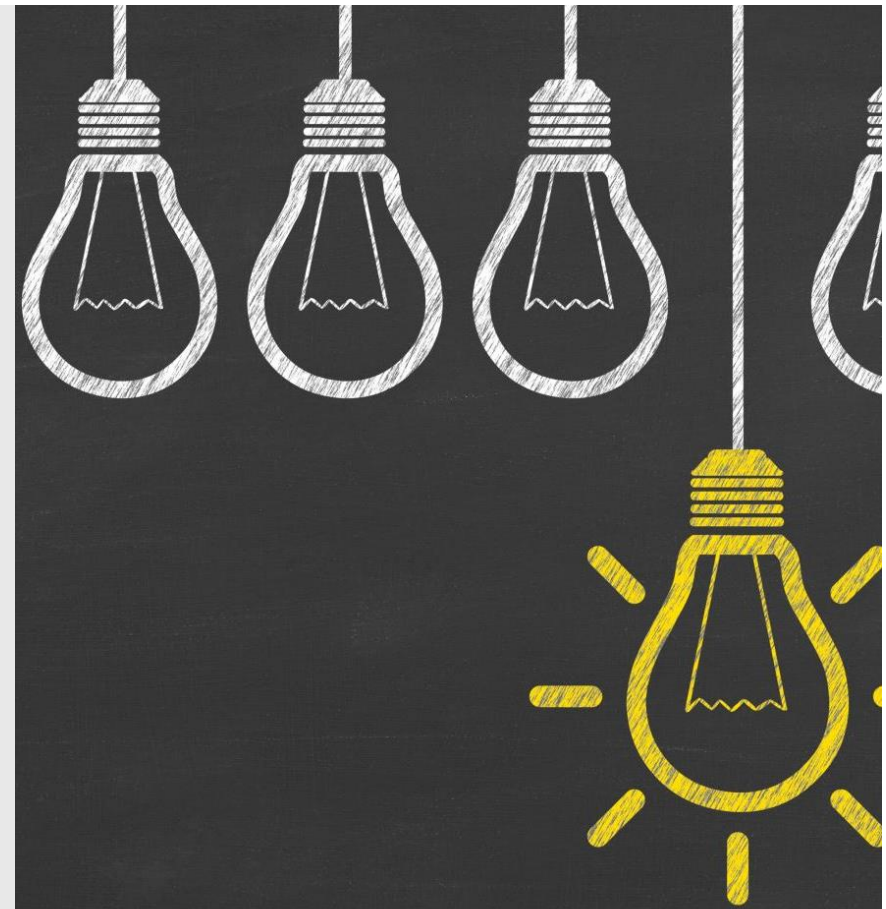
## Methods:

- Surveys
- Interviews and focus groups
- Case Studies
- Document analysis



# Not so common in WIL research....

- Ethnography
- Phenomenology
- Grounded theory
- Multiple case studies
- Autoethnography
- Q-methodology
- Big data analytics and data mining
- Meta-analysis
- Longitudinal research



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# What influences your choice?



PURPOSE OF THE  
RESEARCH



NATURE OF THE  
RESEARCH  
QUESTIONS



RESEARCHER'S  
ABILITY/  
EXPERIENCE



FUNDING AND  
RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE



TIMEFRAME



# ACTIVITY 2



## Choose a curiosity from the themes in activity 1

i) How might you explore your curiosity?

ii) What methodology or methods could you use?

iii) What contexts might this apply to?



REPORT BACK...



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WRAP UP

*THANK  
YOU!*