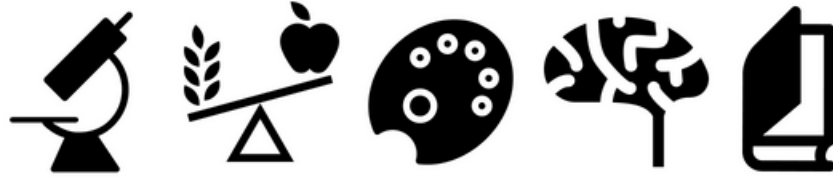


What are Your Research Interests?



Research at its core is asking a question and finding an answer. “Questions (the right ones, anyway) are good at generating momentum, which is why change makers so often use them as a starting point” (*Berger, 2014, p. 211). To find your question(s), think of an interest, talent, problem, issue, or concern that piques your curiosity. This issue may or may not affect you directly. Use the following prompts to help you brainstorm.

- What subjects have I taken that I really enjoyed? What did I enjoy about them?
- What topics draw my curiosity?
- When I am reading headlines, what grabs my attention first?
- What is a talent/ability/strength of mine? What are ways that I apply it?
- What are my plans and goals for the future?
- Where do I see myself working (e.g., team vs. individual, in a lab, studio, office vs. in the community)?
- How do I see research complementing my academic, career, and/or personal goals?
- What is important to me?
- What would I attempt if I could not fail?

*Berger, W. (2016). *A more beautiful question: The power of inquiry to spark breakthrough ideas*. New York: Bloomsbury.