

Resource – <i>ReadMe-Templates</i>	Version 1.0, Dec 2013
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Similar to research in other disciplines, the process of educational technology (ET) research includes stages of planning, conducting and reporting. We have created templates that guide the researcher in each stage of their work. There are four templates:

1. Idea Proposal Template (IPT) - helps you explore if your idea is suitable for a research study.
2. Study Planning Template (SPT) - helps you plan the research study around your idea.
3. Paper Planning Template (PPT) – helps you plan the flow and ideas that will go into your paper.
4. Paper Writing Template (PWT) – helps you plan the paragraphs that will go into your paper.

How to use the templates?

Each template is an editable file (either as a document or in slides format) that you can download and use in various stages of research. Each template contains question-prompts that act as scaffolds in planning your research study, executing and analyzing the study, and writing a paper based on the study.

The question-prompts are designed such that if you address them and use each template in the respective stage of research, your paper will have a high likelihood of meeting reviewers’ evaluation criteria (these criteria are summarized in [ET-research-guidelines-t4e2013.pdf](#) and elaborated with examples in [TR-ET-2013-01.pdf](#)).

Fig. 1 shows a mapping between the stages of research, the templates to be used in each stage, and the criteria addressed in each template.

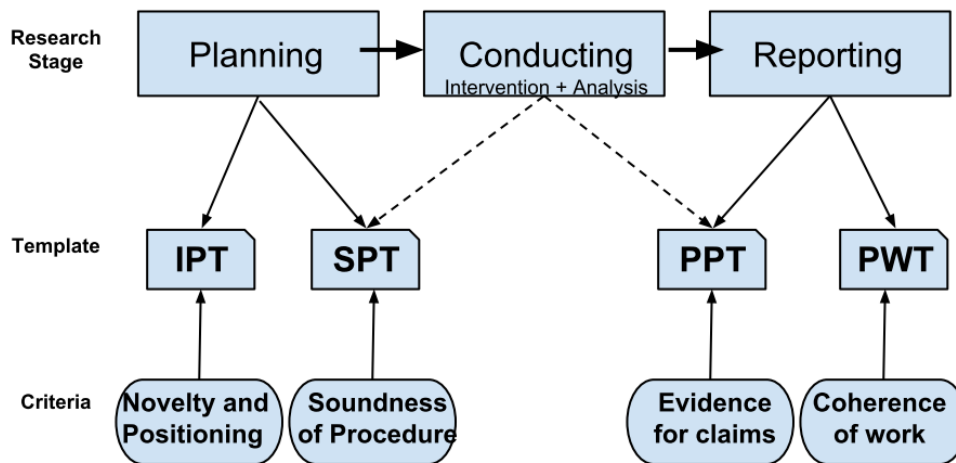


Figure 1: Mapping between stages of research, templates, and review criteria

Note: (i) The primary target users for these templates are in-service instructors, who aim to conduct action research in their classes. The secondary target users for these templates are researchers who focus on development of new ET tools. Hence the scope of these templates is specific to teaching-learning interventions, of technology-based instructional strategies or development of ET tools. They may not directly apply to other types of ET research.

(ii) Use of these templates does not guarantee acceptance of your paper. Acceptance would depend upon how well your work and paper meets the criteria specific to the Conference/Journal to which you have submit your work.