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The value of applying qualitative research methods to business and management studies is increasingly gaining recognition. Taking a qualitative or inductive approach to research can bring greater understanding to the complex and often obscured challenges of today's business world. Yet, the availability of sufficient training for the application and analysis of qualitative methods remains limited. This lacuna applies both to doctoral researchers who may lack sufficient access to qualitative training and the diversity of qualitative methods during their doctoral programs, as well as established academics who may wish to seek out new ways of conducting research.

This Special Issue aims to curate articles designed to provide rigorous methodological training in a range of qualitative approaches for students and academics alike. We further aim to discuss the benefits, challenges, and value that taking a qualitative approach can bring to management studies. We particularly welcome contributions that addresses and or link concepts such as training tools for qualitative research methods, fostering rigor in qualitative methods, the use and application of multiple and mixed methods, and developing new or innovative qualitative research methods.

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## POSSIBLE TOPICS CAN BE

- Ontological and epistemological issues in qualitative research in management studies;
- Ethics and researcher reflexivity in qualitative methods;
- New or innovative qualitative research methods;
- Systematic review of the proper use of particular qualitative methods;
- Challenges in applying and/or analyzing qualitative research in management studies;
- Benefits and limitations of qualitative research in management studies;
- Developing theory in qualitative research in management studies;
- Multiple methods and mixed methods;
- Qualitative research training for doctoral researchers;
- Qualitative research training for researchers;
- Developing rigor in qualitative research;
- Qualitative research training in Universities;
- Applying qualitative methods in traditionally quantitative fields;
- Step by step application of specific research methods;
- Combining methods to provide complementary insights using triangulation

## KEYWORDS

- Qualitative research | Research Methods | Inductive | Research ethics
- Doctoral training | Research training | Reflexivity | Training tools
- Manager education | Management | Multiple methods | Mixed methods

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