

# Developing your research question

## Research topic summary

*E.g. Synthesised case studies on the implementation and outcomes of source water protection programs involving Indigenous populations in Canada and the United States*

Concepts	Definition	Example	Search terms
<b>Context</b>	Which individuals/groups are you focusing on?	Indigenous populations in Canada and United States	(indigenous OR native OR aboriginal OR “first nations”) AND “North America” OR Canada or “United States”
<b>Intervention</b>	What is the event/activity/ or action you are investigating?	Implementation and outcomes of source water protection programs	“source water protection”
<b>Mechanisms</b>	What are the mechanisms which explain the relationship between interventions and outcomes?	Case studies from Source water protection programmes	“case stud*” OR “Findings” OR “Report”
<b>Outcomes</b>	What are the effects of the intervention	Inclusion of indigenous people on implementation	“Indigenous engagement” OR “implementation” OR “Framework”

Apply CIMO to your research topic:

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