

## Interview Guide: Brainstorming Worksheet

The questions below are designed to help you think through and plan for a qualitative interview. This worksheet is a great way to get started; however, keep in mind that you will need to draft, pilot test, revise, and perhaps test your guide again before it is ready for use in a research study. As always, ensure that you have IRB approval when necessary.

Prepare an interview *schedule* (structured interviews) or *guide* (semi- or un-structured interviews) for use with your participants.

1. Identify the:

a) Ideal sample:

b) Sampling technique (maximum variation, theoretical construct, etc.):

c) Type(s) of interview (collaborative, narrative, respondent, etc.):

d) Interview stance (responsive, collaborative, pedagogical; etc.):

2. Explain why these approaches are most appropriate for your research and research question(s).

3. Write out five actual questions and probes. Consider the *types* of questions you are asking (e.g., typology question, hypothetical question, timeline question).

a)  
Probe:

b)  
Probe:

c)  
Probe:

d)  
Probe

e)  
Probe:

4. How do the questions above help answer your research question(s)?

5. Pilot-test your questions with a friend or colleague. Ask for feedback once you are done testing your questions. Ask for feedback on your interviewing skills, too.

6. After testing your interview guide (or schedule), has your research question(s) changed? If so, provide an updated version of your research question(s).