*BACKGROUND: Until 1973 subject headings for research in various fields were established in the form [topic]–Research (May Subd Geog) or as phrase headings such as **Historical research** or **Medical research**.   In 1973 the subdivision –**Research** (May Subd Geog) was established as a free-floating subdivision and phrase headings were later converted to [topic]–**Research** wherever possible.*

*For instructions on the use of the free-floating subdivision –**Legal research**, see H 1710.*

1. The subject heading Research.   Assign the heading to general works that discuss comprehensively all aspects of research, such as proposals, finance, goals, management, personnel, special projects, etc., in all fields, and to works on general scientific research.   Do not assign the heading to works that discuss the results of research.   For works that are limited to a specific aspect of research assign the heading **Research** with the appropriate topical subdivision, such as –**Finance**, –**Management**, or –**Methodology**.

2. The free-floating subdivision –Research.   Assign –**Research** *(May Subd Geog)* as a free-floating subdivision under names of places and corporate bodies, classes of persons, ethnic groups, and topical headings, for general works that discuss comprehensively all aspects of research, such as proposals, finance, goals, etc., as applied to the topic.   Do not assign the subdivision to works that discuss the results of research in a particular field.   For works that are limited to a specific aspect of research assign the subdivision –**Research** further subdivided by the appropriate topical subdivision, such as –**Finance**, –**Management**, or –**Methodology**.

3. Conflict.   Before assigning the subdivision, determine whether the use under consideration conflicts with a previously established heading in the subject authority file.   For example, the heading **Science–Research** may not be assigned because it appears as a UF under the heading **Research**.

4. Phrase headings for research.   Establish a phrase heading for research only to designate a type of research or when it is not possible to construct a heading of the type [*topic*]– **Research**. *Examples:*

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150 ## $a Action research
150 ## $a Single subject research
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5. *Special aspects of research.*   For works that are limited to a special aspect of research, assign the appropriate heading for the topic.   *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Agriculture $x Research $z United States $x Finance.
650 #0 $a Education $x Research $x Management.
650 #0 $a History $x Methodology.
650 #0 $a Medicine $x Research grants $z United States.
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