# Research Project

Recommended modules to have undertaken: IMAT2703 Introduction to Research & Ethics; IMAT1204 Business Decision Making (introductory statistics)

A research project is one where a research question drives the project. You will be expected to:

1. identify the research topic and question(s)
2. research into and read the literature on the topics surrounding the question
3. determine the best methodology to use to collect and analyse empirical data
4. create data gathering tools based on the literature (e.g. questionnaires, interviews, case study)
5. collect, collate, analyse and interpret the data
6. relate the findings of your data collection back to the literature
7. come up with some conclusions, ideas for further research, and an understanding of the limitations of your research

Research projects are not for the faint of heart: it requires a lot of academic style writing and empirical work. If you would like to do a research project, it is best to choose a topic area that you are particularly interested in. Proposals are likely to be in topic areas (e.g. dignity and autonomous care robots) – you may be required to come up with your own specific research questions, but you may also propose your own topic area and research question.

First Deliverable: Project Contract & Ethical Review Form

Second Deliverable: Literature Review; Methodology and Fieldwork Plan

Final Deliverable: Revised Literature Review; Methodology Review; Data Collection and Analysis; Interpretation; Conclusions; Limitations and Further Work; Reflection

A viva is required at the end of the project.