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HERE!**

Do you know how to conduct a research?

YES

## Primary Research

It is an original study, information, research or results generated by one's self. In simpler words, a primary research is gathering your own result and information. For example, if a scientific experiment is conducted, it is a primary research as the scientist obtains his/her own information to obtain a result to serve as a source for the research.

Does your research require a scientific experiment?

YES

## Laboratories

Maynooth University facilitates laboratory research which is a dependable and credible source of information. The university also pays special attention in scientific and technological researches through its modern and advanced laboratory equipment. Maynooth science laboratories are in the Callan Building.

## Bean Bag Room

The Bean Bag Rooms offer a great way to conduct a group discussion in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for an active conversation appropriate for a group research. This room also facilitates plugs to allow laptop usage and bean bags for a cosy ambience. The Bean Bag Room is found in the ground floor of the John Paul II library.

Do you want to generate your own information?

NO

## Secondary Research

This is a research based on a source that is written based on the primary source. A secondary research is conducted by analysing, discussing or interpreting the primary source of information. For example, if someone is writing a report and quoted a book, this is a secondary research as the book (primary source) is used to support the research.

Is your source credible?

YES

Does your research require a certain source material about a specific subject?

NO

Does your research require a group discussion?

YES

Great! Now, start your research!

## Study Rooms

Study rooms are a great location for conducting a more focus-oriented research. These study rooms offer a quiet and study-friendly atmosphere while providing a comfortable study space. Some of these study rooms are in the Arts Building, John Paul II library and on designated times in the Callan Building.

I'm not sure.

One of the most reliable basis for a source's credibility is its author. First, ensure that the author does not offer one-sided views on the topic. Secondly, the author should state facts that are supported by a proven research or study. And lastly, ensure that the publisher of the source is established, appropriate and licensed. Don't forget to reference!

## Subject Librarians

In the Maynooth Library, they provide various supports such as offering help from Subject Librarians who can provide various information regarding their individual specialised subjects. Subject Librarians offer a link between the Academic Community and the Library to aid in achieving your research information needs depending on which department and topic you need assistance with. The list of subject librarians can be navigated here: [http://nuim.libguides.com/support\\_training/subjects](http://nuim.libguides.com/support_training/subjects).

## Computer Areas

Around the campus, there are various computer facilities that allow students to conduct their research. Some of the computer areas also offer printing facilities for a more convenient research progression. Some of the computer areas are located at the North Campus in the Arts and Callan Building, there are also computer areas available in the John Paul II library for a more suitable research process.