

Example semi-structured interview schedule

- Say Hi! Introduce yourself and the aims of the project, explain how the interview will help you
- Allow the participant to introduce themselves and what they do etc.

- What research is being done in this department?
- What are the specialist areas?
- Where does the money come from for the research?
- What have been some of the major findings / successes?
- Are budget cuts from government research funding likely?
- Have there been major industry sponsors or funders?

- How is research changing?
- How is funding changing? Where is it coming from?
- Who is funding more research? Who decides this?
- What drives these changes?
- Is this research money influenced by public debate and issues?
- Are there a lot of post-graduate researchers here?

- Does the department have guidelines on research and ethics?
- How about guidelines on social responsibility?
- What arrangements are there usually between the university and it's sponsors?
- Who gets the results of the research or Intellectual Property? Are they made

publicly available?

- What kind of things are being sponsored by industry?
- Do the government research councils have issues they will / won't fund?
- Is the recession affecting what gets funded?
- Are you ever worried about what gets funded, or who is funding it?
- Do you think public opinion and media debate affects research agendas?