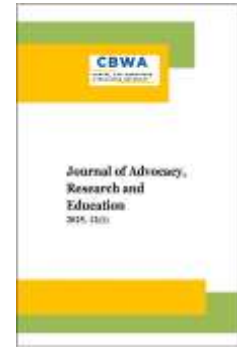




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## Editorial

### Call for Papers – Special Collection on Advancing Qualitative Methodologies

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#### Abstract

This call for papers invites contributions that explore methodological and theoretical innovations in qualitative research across disciplines such as sociology, education, health, psychology, and development studies. We seek submissions critically engaging with qualitative inquiry's foundations, designs, techniques, and ethical considerations. Topics of interest include sampling strategies, research design, reflexivity, philosophical paradigms, and emerging data collection methods. If volume permits, submissions may appear in general issues or be grouped into a special thematic collection. This initiative aims to foster a dynamic dialogue on current and future directions of qualitative research.

**Keywords:** Methodological Innovation, Philosophical Paradigms, Qualitative Research, Reflexivity, Research Design, Sample Size, Sampling, Theoretical Foundations.

#### 1. Special Collection on Advancing Qualitative Methodologies

Qualitative research continues to evolve as a rich, rigorous, and dynamic mode of inquiry across disciplines. The Journal of Advocacy, Research, and Education (JARE) invites submissions for an open call focused on qualitative methodological issues and innovations in response to the increasing complexity and innovation in methodological approaches. Whether rooted in anthropology, sociology, education, health, psychology, development studies, or other fields, we seek contributions that reflect both theoretical depth and practical insight into how qualitative research is conceptualised and conducted. This call aims to gather papers that critically engage with the foundations, techniques, and future directions of qualitative inquiry. We encourage diverse voices and approaches from researchers, refining methods and exploring new epistemological terrain.

#### Topics of Interest Include, But Are Not Limited To:

##### – *Qualitative Research Design*

Conceptualising coherent qualitative designs: case study, ethnography, grounded theory, phenomenology, narrative, and mixed or hybrid designs. Reflections on the alignment of design, research questions, and analytical strategy.

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– ***Sampling and Sample Size in Qualitative Research***

Reconsidering the principles of purposive, theoretical, and critical case sampling, debates on data saturation and transparency in sampling rationale.

– ***Reflexivity and Researcher Positionality***

Examining the ethical, political, and personal dimensions of researcher identity, power relations, and their influence on the research process.

– ***Philosophical and Epistemological Foundations***

Critical engagement with how paradigms, such as interpretivism, constructivism, feminism, postcolonial theory, decoloniality, or posthumanism, shape methodological thinking.

– ***Innovative and Emerging Qualitative Techniques***

Advances in digital ethnography, arts-based and visual methods, narrative inquiry, participatory action research, and sensory or embodied methods.

– ***Cross-Disciplinary and Contextual Methodological Trends***

Insights into how qualitative methodology is adapted or reimaged within specific fields or regions (e.g., health research, community-based studies, Global South contexts).

– ***Methodological Review Essays***

Syntheses of debates, comparative analyses of methodological approaches, and reflections on the state and direction of qualitative inquiry.

We are particularly interested in contributions that offer interdisciplinary, global, and contextually grounded perspectives, engaging with methodological questions in established and emerging research areas.

**Publication Format**

Accepted papers will be published as part of our general issues or as a special thematic collection on qualitative methodologies as a special issue (10+ papers per cycle). All papers will undergo double-blind peer review and be fully indexed and accessible alongside the journal's regular content.

**Submission Details**

– **Article Types:** We welcome full-length research articles (6,000–9,000 words), shorter methodological commentaries (3,000–5,000 words), theoretical essays, and comprehensive review articles.

– **How to Submit:** Please follow the journal's standard formatting and submission procedures and clearly indicate in your cover letter that your manuscript is in response to the *Qualitative Methodologies Call*.

– **Deadline:** Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis until December 2025. Early submissions may appear in general issues.

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