



TGIF: The NTU Linguist Chatroom

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Things I never learned in grad school: Research methods v. research management

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While research methods are a central part of our academic training, research management (RM) tends to be overlooked. It encompasses research methods, use of human resources in research, development of a research agenda, research integrity, and a variety of other components. RM problematizes seemingly mundane matters such as data storage, addresses issues such as the under exploitation of replication studies, and creates opportunities for the evolution of research programmes (over isolated projects).

While RM is often seen as being under the purview of institutions, an issue for administrators rather than individual researchers, I argue that a successful researcher must develop skills in RM. I provide an overview of RM and why it is an important area of knowledge and investigation in relation to Applied Linguistics. I cite specific examples of dilemmas, details and decisions with relevance to RM. I then open the floor for discussion of specific questions and issues which implicate RM skills in relation to scholarship in Applied Linguistics.

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