

# RESEARCH PROJECTS

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## General comments

This session the Research Projects submitted were based in the subjects of Physics, Biology, Spanish Literature and History. The majority showed elements of good research and a clear focus. It is pleasing to see that most Centres and candidates have responded to advice, and phrased the title in the form of a question to be answered. It is important that candidates provide sufficient detail or evidence from which valid conclusions can be made in order to access the higher mark bands. There is still a tendency not to achieve a balance between the various criteria, but this is showing signs of improvement.

All the Research Projects were well presented and the standard of referencing continues to improve. Every year CIE receives more outline proposals than finished Research Projects but the total entry continues to be very small. Centres are reminded that CIE will be withdrawing this syllabus, with final certification in November 2010.