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Optentia Research Focus Area

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Can we find better ways to optimise the potential of individuals, relationships and institutions and create the vibrant, peaceful, sustainable, and flourishing individuals, relationships and institutions we all want?





- 1. Focus on attitudes and behaviours
- 2. Consider the situation and context
- 3. Build strengths through education
- 4. Focus on implications and policies
- 5. Understand sustainable flourishing
- 6. Collaborate with other disciplines
- 7. Communicate to a broad audience
- 8. Build positive institutions

## Research Topics in Optentia



Social science is about evidence ... it is also about ideas, insight, understanding, and, crucially debate, when there are no simple solutions to our collective private troubles [Howard Newby in Michie, J. & Cooper, C.L. (2015).]





