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*A national strategy for research and  
capacity building in research methods:*

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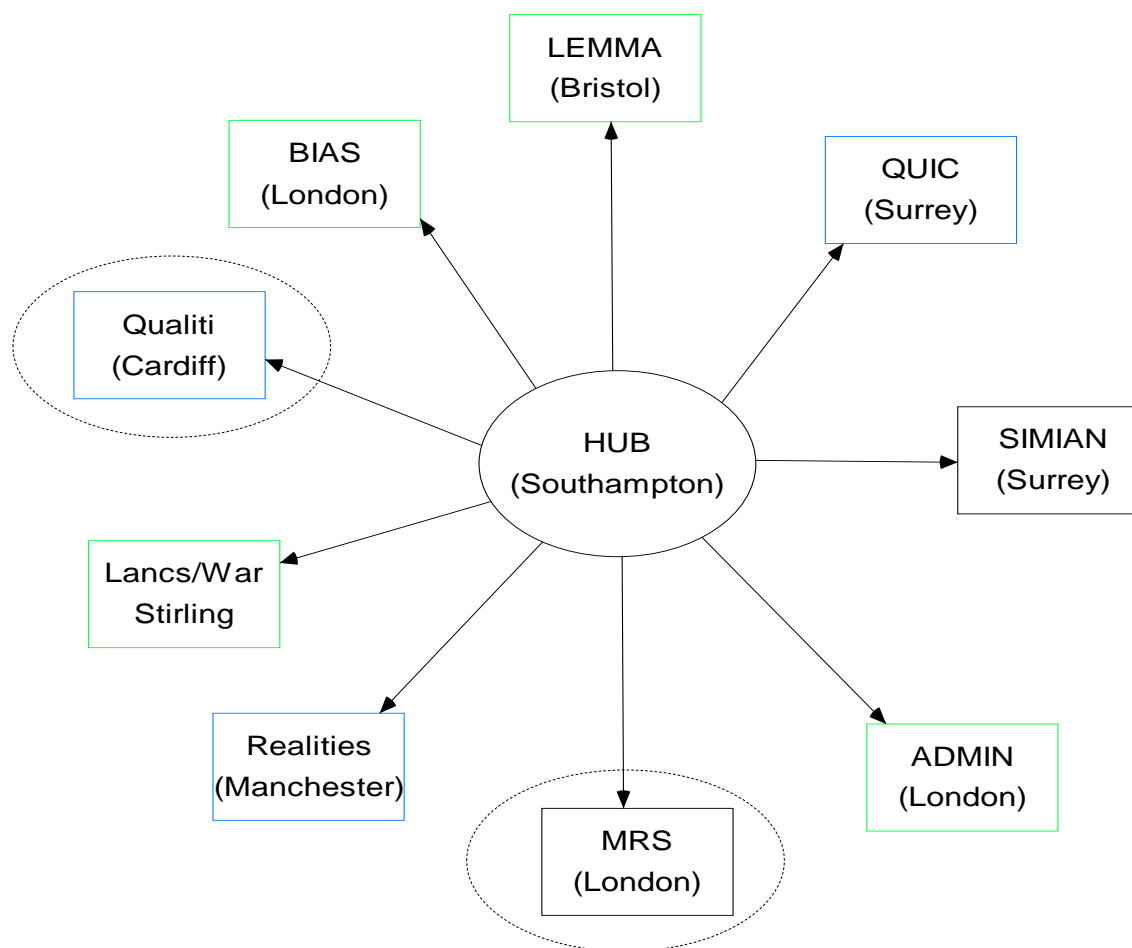
## Core aims of NCRM

“To provide a strategic focal point for the identification, development and delivery of an integrated national research, training, and capacity-building programme in research methods for the social sciences”

## NCRM established to:

- Improve the quality and range of methodological skills and techniques used by the UK social science community – both qualitative and quantitative
- Provide support for, and dissemination of, methodological innovation and excellence in the UK
- Develop a distinctive focus on methodological research and training in research methods

# NCRM Structure



## In 2010 NCRM will

- Train more than 1500 participants in face-to-face short courses throughout the UK
- Provide online training to approximately 3000 registered users
- Provide training bursaries to 80+ UK researchers
- Receive more than 200,000 visits to its e-prints archive
- Host the 4<sup>th</sup> ESRC Research Methods Festival
- And the 6th NCRM Autumn School
- Fund 4 Networks of Methodological Innovation
- Publish over a hundred books, articles, and working papers