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The aims of this research are to study the information uses and needs of researchers in Thai studies in Bangkok Metropolis, in the fields of subject content, format, language, age and information sources as well as problems encountered.

Research findings reveal that the highest level of the subject content used by researchers is the Thai society. About the format of printed materials, books and textbooks are most used, as well as slides in non-printed format. Concerning personal resources, the highest level of information use is the researchers' own experiences. Thai language, current information and central libraries of their institutes are types of language, age and information source preferably used respectively by researchers.

About the information needs, the research findings correspond to the information uses in every category except the format of personal resource which is indicated that conversation with colleagues and experts is needed at higher level than the researchers' own experiences.

Problems confronted by researchers are illiteracy of computerized information system, inconvenience in reaching libraries and information centers outside campus, and inaccess of unpublicized information.