2.5 Research Stages

The methodologies and stages followed during the research life-cycle are represented in Figures 2.1 and 2.2.

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**Start of the Research**  
(Selection of the subject, aim and objectives, and research methodology in general)

**Literature Review**  
(KM fundamentals and current KM models used in the construction industry)

**Development of a KM Model for Construction Projects**  
(Development and enhancement of a KM model version that still need more modifications)

**Literature Review**  
(Detailed review and analysis of current KM models and projects)

**Questionnaires**  
(Investigation of importance and application of KM methods, activities, tools and environmental factors in the construction industry)

**Interviews**  
(Preliminary evaluation of the proposed KM model)

**Publication**  
(Evaluation and collection of suggestions to improve the proposed KM model)

Does the proposed KM model still require large enhancement or major amendment?

Yes

**Final KM Model**  
(A modified final KM model)

No

**Case Studies**  
(Empirical evaluation of the final KM model)

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

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Figure 2.1: Research Model