

Capacity building workshop on Research Concept/ Proposal writing skills

Introduction

Conducting scientific research is mandatory to all students from any university in the World including. For students to be able to do the research they are required to have right knowledge and skills that will assist them to plan the scientific research (develop research concept note and proposal) that will help them to conduct the research. A research proposal is an overall plan, scheme, structure and strategy designed to obtain answers to the research questions or problems that constitute the research project.

Based on the above background the Open University Consultancy Bureau (OCB) is organizing a five days capacity building workshop on concept note and research proposal writing skills. The workshop aims at equipping post graduate students (MA/MSC/PhD) and researchers an opportunity to improve their research proposal writing skills both for academic endeavours and future research activities.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the capacity building workshop, learners should be able to:

- i. Acquire knowledge on various aspects related to scientific research
- ii. Apply different scientific research approaches in different situations.
- iii. Develop research concept note and proposal.

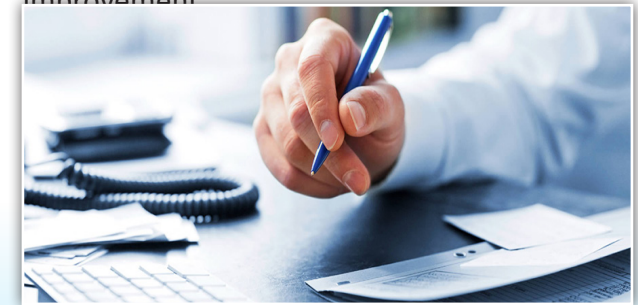
- iv. Collect, analyse and appropriately interpret data.
- v. Organize and write credible scientific research evaluations and reports.
- vi. Acquire skills to publish in local and international journals
 - Instrumentation and Data collection
 - Data analysis both quantitative and qualitative
 - Research ethics
 - Managing the research process
 - Research report writing

Topics:

To achieve the above learning outcomes, the workshop will cover a variety of topics and these include:

- Introduction to Scientific Research
- The philosophy of scientific research
- Approaches to Social Science Research
 - Quantitative
 - Qualitative
 - Mixed approach
- Preparation of concept notes/research proposals
 - Factors to consider in research topic/title selection
 - Background information,
 - Problem statement/ research gap,
 - justification for the study,
 - objectives, research questions, hypotheses,
 - Literature review,
 - Theoretical and conceptual framework
 - Research/Study designs and Selection of study sites.
 - Sampling Procedures (Determining your sample size and Sampling techniques),

Furthermore, workshop participants will have the opportunity to get a one-to-one coaching on how to write a convincing research concept note and proposal. In addition, on the last day all participants will present their concept note or proposal and get comments for their improvement.



Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing Skills Venue: OUT Dar es Salaam

Session	Time	Content	Facilitator/ Responsible person
Session	10.00 – 10.30	Health Break	all
Session	10:00 – 10:30	Health Break (Morning tea)	all
Session	12.00 – 14:00	Health Break (Lunch)	all
Session	10.00 – 10.30	Health Break (Afternoon Tea)	all
Session	16:30-	Health Break (Evening Tea)	all

Day 1 – Capacity Building Workshop on Research Proposal Writing Skills Venue: OUT-Dar es Salaam			
Session	Time	Content	Facilitator/Responsible person
Session 1	08.30 – 10.00	Introduction to Academic Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The philosophy of scientific research 	Prof. J. K. Urassa/Prof. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 2	10.30 – 12.30	Preparing your concept note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considerations in topic/title selection Literature review 	Prof. J. K. Urassa/Prof. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 3	14.00 – 16.00	One to one sessions of topic selection and concept note preparation	All facilitators
Day 2			
	07.30 – 08.00	Registration	UT Secretariat
Session 4	08.00 – 10.00	Approaches to Social Science Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research/Study designs Selection of study sites 	Prof. J. K. Urassa/Prof. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 5	10.30 – 12.30	Sampling Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining your sample size Sampling techniques 	Prof. Kim A. Kayunze
Session 6	13.30 – 14.30	Collection of Quantitative Data Household surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household surveys Preparing the questionnaire 	Prof. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 7		Collection of Qualitative Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus group discussions (FGDs) Key informant interviews (KIIs) 	Prof. J. K. Urassa
Session 8	14.30 – 16.30	One to one session on data collection tools	All facilitators
Day 3			
	07.30 – 08.00	Registration	DPRTC
Session 9	08.00 – 10.00	Experimental research designs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory/Field Quasi-experiments 	Prof. Kim A. Kayunze
Session 10	10.30 – 12.30	Research Ethics	Prof. J. K. Urassa
Session 11	13.30 – 15.30	Quantitative data Analysis	Prof. Kim A. Kayunze
Session 12	15.30 – 16.30	One to one session on individual concept notes/proposals	All facilitators
Day 4			
	07.30 – 08.00	Registration	PRTC
Session 13	08.00 – 10.00	Qualitative data Analysis	Prof. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 14	10.30 – 11.30	Managing Your Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time management Monitoring progress 	Prof. J. K. Urassa
Session 15	11.30 – 12.30	Research Report Writing and Publication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinary report Dissertation Thesis Publication 	Prof. J. K. Urassa
Session 16	15.30 – 16.30	One to one session on individual concept notes/proposals	All facilitators
Day 5			
	07.30 – 08.00	Registration	PRTC
Session 17	08.00 – 10.00	Presentation of Concept notes/Proposals by Participants	PProf. C. Msuya-Bengesi
Session 18	10.30 – 11.30	Presentation of Concept notes/Proposals by Participants	Participants/All facilitators
Session 19	11.30 – 12.30	Presentation of Concept notes/Proposals by Participants	Participants/All facilitators
Session 20	13.30 – 14.30	Presentation of Concept notes/Proposals by Participants	Participants/All facilitators
	14.40 – 15.20	Closing remarks and Issuing certificates	Director of Research and Consultancy – OUT/ Guest of Honour



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH CONCEPT PROPOSAL WRITING SKILLS

The Open University of Tanzania

Directorate of Consultancy

FEE STRUCTURE (Refreshment and Lunch Inclusive)

250,000/= TSH for participant

To be paid at:

The National Bank of Commerce

OCB Account

Account no: 011103033713

Not later than 25th October, 2021

Date for Course to be conducted

Start Date 01th November, 2021

End Date 05th November, 2021

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