



Research Proposal Writing Course

As is known, the purport of a research proposal is to persuade a committee of reviewers who mainly look for the innovative element in the study, its methodology, and substantive content useful to the sponsors in particular and society/ policy-makers in general. Most often the studies that receive funding are those that can convey the strong or unique aspects upfront more cogently as that engages the reviewers positively. In general, this course introduces participants to the essential principles, techniques and processes of qualitative and quantitative research to foster one's research ideas/ questions into a meaningful proposal to garner funding for research. The broader purpose of this orientation is to help the scholars who have been mostly into teaching/ training to develop suitable strategies and techniques to write a research proposal having pragmatic value and possible relevance to policy. Moreover, this programme envisaged as facilitating continuous personalized interaction between participants and resource persons.

In pursuit of sharing the rich experience of research and training of its former and present faculty members with the scholars of social sciences and its practitioners, the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad, India announces its latest edition of Research Proposal Writing (RPW) course for such candidates to sharpen the methodological aptitude and contribute to the skills of

the scholars to design their research studies under the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) starting from September 26-30, 2024.

For Whom

The proposed FDP is designed exclusively for the faculty members employed in the institutions and universities (both government and private) of social sciences disciplines to develop their acumen for writing proposals for research funding. The faculty members belonging to management sector or the Individuals involved in teaching or training in the corporate social responsibility (CSR), and the staff members of such organizations which are interested in undertaking research on social concerns are also welcome to apply. It is especially suited for those seeking to strengthen their understanding of core social science research and to gain exposure to learn and experiment with effective research techniques and advanced strategies to carry out funded research studies.

Course

The broader programme structure for the FDP focused on **RPW** course is as follows:

- The Philosophy and Need of Social Science Research
- Structure/ Organization of a Research Proposal
- Literature Review and Setting the Scope and Objectives of a Study
- Methodological Approaches
- Relevance: Intellectual, Societal and Policy Related
- Plagiarism: Avoiding the Trap
- Budgeting
- Statement of Limitations and Referencing Styles
- Identifying Funders/ Sponsors
- Open Discussion: Specific to Research Proposals Conceived by the Participants

Certification

Candidates are awarded the certificate of participation in **RPW** course. It is subject to the participants meeting the necessary attendance during the course work.

Programme Duration, Important Deadlines and Registration

The programme duration, fees and registration deadlines for the certification are given below. The candidates need to submit the completed application form on or before the given last date for the course. Selected candidates must pay the fees (through internet banking) on or before the given last date.

Programme Duration	Registration Fees in Rs.	Last Date for Submission of Application	Last Date for Payment of Registration Fees
September 26-30, 2024	3,500	September 12, 2024	September 20, 2024

The programme tuition fees, cost of course, materials, lodging and boarding would be taken care by GIDR. The participants will be housed in a sharing rooms during the period of course in the GIDR building and/ or its affiliated institutes located near it. The registration fee is non-refundable. The cost of travel to and from Ahmedabad, and expenses incurred by participants on items like photocopying, computer printouts, typing, stationary or items of personal nature will have to be borne by the participants.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the course, participants should have post-graduate level teaching experience in social sciences and management or research experience of at least one year. The medium of communication will be English language. Considerations for selecting participants include level of preparedness for the programme as indicated by educational qualifications and statements of purpose. There are only 20 seats in the programme. The Committee constituted for this FDP by GIDR will review applications and may conduct telephonic interviews where required to decide the suitability for admission of candidates applying for the course.

Application Procedure

Brochure and the application form are available on the institute's website <<https://gidr.ac.in/>> Applicants need to fill up the application form and submit it on e-mail id <rpwc.gidr@gmail.com> before the deadline as specified. Decisions regarding admission to the programme will be communicated to the applicants **within 5 days of the application submission deadline**. Selected candidates then need to pay the registration fees before the aforementioned last date for payment of fees (**refer to the table on programme duration, important deadlines and fees**).

Pedagogical Approach

The FDP for the proposed RPW will have a classroom lecture method to deliver the course. It requires a high level of effort from the participants in terms of individual preparation as well as working in groups. Participant's take away will be more than just classroom related experiences as they explore the setting of an ICSSR affiliated

research institute like GIDR and interaction with co-participants from diverse backgrounds.

Speakers

Former and present faculty members of the Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR) and erudite social scientists from other institutes/ universities with diverse disciplinary background will intensely engage the participants in keeping with the course developed for this programme.

About the Institute

The GIDR, established in 1970, is a premier organisation recognised and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and Government of Gujarat. Analytical and policy-oriented research concerning development issues being the core function of GIDR, it plays a significant role in promoting empirical research in the country and the evolution of related conceptual frameworks and approaches. Over time, the Institute's research agenda has broadened to cover a fairly wide range of issues pertaining to development policy both at the regional and national levels. The results of the Institute's research are shared with policymakers, non-governmental organisations and other academicians. In this context, it is apt to mention that the institute has been organizing research methodology workshops/ courses since its affiliation with ICSSR was established. Many research scholars have immensely benefitted from these courses. The positive feedback received from the participants over the past several years has encouraged us to extend the scope of our activity further to organise this programme.

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