

Short-Term Course



Qualitative Research Methodology for Research Scholars and NGO Professionals

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Background

Objectivity in science is one of the essential components to learn the intricacies of quantification. In the fields of Humanities, Social Sciences, Management and Library Sciences, most of the researchers often face the problem of quantification due to lack of in-depth understanding on the nature of variables. This results in loss of capacity building growth for researchers in terms of defining, measuring, analyzing and interpreting the research findings in proper perspective, thus neglecting the relevance of quality behind quantification. Lack of better understanding of qualitative research methodology if continues, limits researchers to interpret the research findings and subsequently impede proper formulation and execution of policies by the policy makers and executives.

Thematic Areas of the STC on Qualitative Research Methodology

Qualitative Research: Concept, History and Epistemological Background.

Logic: Inductive & Deductive Inferences, Propositions, Premise & Conclusion

Content Analysis, Narrative Inquiry, Discourse Analysis, etc.

Ethnographic Study – Narrative Ethnography, Observation, Case Study Method, etc.

Data Analysis – Documentation and Writing Qualitative Research.

Objective

This STC programme intends to provide a training platform for research scholars and NGO professionals to understand the nuances of qualitative research and data interpretation at various stages of their research work. The general goals of this course are:

1. Philosophy of Research: Students will know the underlying research philosophies (the four Ps e.g., Passion, Patience, Process and Product) and possible qualitative research designs in Humanities, Social Sciences, Management and Library Sciences.
2. Research Methods and Analysis of Qualitative Data: Students will understand how a variety of qualitative research methods, including action research, case study research, and ethnographic research, are used in research with their analysis and result interpretation.
3. Critical Thinking and Presentation Skills: Students will analyze and critically evaluate published papers using qualitative research methods in their respective fields of research. Students will also write and present a research proposal and they will develop an appreciation of the challenges of writing up qualitative research work for a thesis, conference paper and journal article.
4. Doing Ethical Research: Students will learn about the attitude towards ethical research, know about code of plagiarism.

Eligibility for Participation

The STC programme is designed for the researchers who are currently pursuing their Ph.D. in different branches of Humanities, Social Sciences, Management and Library Sciences in approved Institutions, Colleges and Universities of India, project member of NGOs and employees from Industries who need to conduct qualitative data analysis in their respective fields of research.

Registration

A maximum of 30 participants (20 research scholars and 10 NGO/Industry sponsored professionals) from the length and breadth of India are eligible to attend the STC on qualitative research methodology. The number of participation may be altered depending on the eligibility and demand criteria not exceeding 30 participants in total. Admission to the course will be on first-come-first-serve (FCFS) mode. Application received after the due date will not be entertained.

Registration Fees

Participants sponsored by Academics/ Industry/Government/Private Organizations/NGOs/Self	Rs.7,500/-
Students/ Research Scholars	Rs.4,500/-

Discounts

Early Bird Registration Discount:

20%, if registered before 22nd September 2016.

Group Discount:

10%, If minimum of 3 people register together (available till the seats are filled)

Availing outside accommodation:

10% (You need to be in time during the course period)

N.B. - Participants can avail only one type of discount from the above three

The payment is to be made by demand draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank in favour of “Continuing Education, NIT Rourkela”, payable at SBI, REC Campus Branch, Rourkela (Code:2109).

LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION: 30th September 2016

Certificate

Certificate will be given to the participants after successful completion of the Course under the Continuing Education Programme of the Institute.

How to Apply

Interested participants should submit their filled-in signed registration form on the prescribed format provided herewith endorsed by the Head of the Department/Organization (scanned soft copy may be mailed) followed by hardcopy by Speed/Registered post to the Principal Coordinator. Participants may bring their own laptops and data set (if any) for practical exercises.

Structure of the STC

The STC programme would be spread over three days. 30 participants would be divided into groups (if needed). Every day there would be three to four technical sessions (resource person's lecture/presentation + students' presentations cum practical sessions). Reading material specific to their respective topics would be identified and circulated along with proposals/papers/chapters among all the students by the resource person followed by analysis and report writing.

Resource Persons

Eminent and accomplished external resource persons drawn from central universities like JNU, Delhi, Allahabad, Karnataka, Utkal, Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi as well as faculties from NIT Rourkela will teach and train the participants on doing effective and meaningful qualitative analysis for their research work, followed by interactive sessions with the participants. A special session on plagiarism will also be conducted for the participants.

Venue

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela.

About the Department:

The Department of Humanities & Social Sciences has been functioning as a full-fledged department since the inception of the institute catering to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The faculty has wide experience in research, communicating with students of diverse background and in imparting education on interpersonal skills to students of widely differing abilities.

About the Institute:

NIT, Rourkela, is an institute of national importance for imparting higher education in India. It is fully funded by the Government of India and is devoted to teaching, research and innovation in various branches of engineering, humanities, social sciences and management. With a reputation for excellence at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, the goal of the institute is on research, innovation and creating intellectual property of global standard. The institute is spread over 262 hectares of lush green picturesque landscape, against a hilly backdrop, creating a tranquil environment within a completely residential campus for students, faculty and staff.

How to Reach NIT Rourkela:

En route Howrah – Mumbai main line of South Eastern Railway, it is well connected by railway service network with the rest of India and also by inter- and intra-state bus services. Rourkela railway station is approximately 6 kms from NIT Campus.

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