The rapid advancement of knowledge in all disciplines of social sciences has made research an activity of solving problems, which adds new dimensions and generalizations on the basis of gathered empirical evidences. Social science research is characterized by a diversity of theoretical perspectives, methodological strategies, data collection practices and analysis techniques. This has made it always necessary to provide training and orientation on a continuing basis to researchers to equip them with advanced methodological skills. Recognizing this need, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery is organizing a ten days Training Course on Research Methodology in Social Sciences for research scholars from 25th February to 5th March, 2016 sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and Accredited at Five Star Level and re-accredited at A+ Level by NACC is a pioneering institution of Kerala engaged in moulding professional social workers/ Social Activists/Researchers to uphold the human and basicrights of the downtrodden communities. It is one of the academic units promoted by the Rajagiri Vidyapeetham, an educational endeavor managed by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). Since its inception in 1955, the institution has made great strides and has crossed miles after miles in the fields of social work, research & education reaching out to millions in the country.

The objectives of this course are to help the participants to acquire intensive knowledge and understanding on the various aspects of research methodology in social sciences. The training program strives to highlight some emerging philosophical and methodological issues emerging in social science research.

The program of the course will inculcate discussions on formation and selection of a research problem; design of research; sampling techniques; tools of research; collection of data; analysis of data; interpretation and discussion of results and report writing. Knowledge of research methodology both on quantitative and qualitative analysis and econometric tools provide hands-on user skills and are helpful to research scholars. This research program provides the advanced theoretical and practical knowledge by field visit exposure and use of different statistical packages to all three stages of research scholars such as planning to pursue the doctoral research program, those who are in the stage of their data analysis and field work; and final stage of their thesis writing.

The program is designed to the scholars who are currently pursuing their Ph.D. in different branches of social sciences in approved institutions, colleges and universities of Kerala. A maximum of 30 participants including both local and out station candidates will be allowed to attend this research methodology course.

Benefits to Participants

The training for the invited participants will be free of cost without any registration fee. Lodging and Boarding will be arranged by the Institute only for the participants for the course period. Travel will be reimbursed to outstation participants (second class rail fare/actual bus fare). A certificate of participation will be provided on successful completion of training.

Important Deadlines

Last date for sending Nomination: 25th January, 2016
Confirmation of participation: The acceptance will be communicated by 28th January, 2016
Confirmation from the participants to attend the workshop: 31st January, 2016

Structure of the Workshop

The workshop would be spread over ten days. Every day there would be four technical sessions (resource person’s presentation, students’ presentations and practical sessions). Course materials would be circulated among all the participants. Apart from the classroom deliberations, participants would also have a one-day exposure to the field in a nearby community.

Resource Persons

Eminent and accomplished academicians drawn from reputed Institutions, Departments/Universities will deliver lectures, followed by interactive sessions on the subjects.

Content of the Workshop

- Introduction to Social Research, Philosophy and Generic Terminology
- Development of research proposal, formulation of problems, Fundamentals of Social Research
- Research Design, Research Process, sampling, sampling procedure and sampling design
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Hypothesis Concept & Types of Hypotheses, Formulation of Hypothesis, Testing of Hypothesis
- Designing and Formulation of Questionnaire and Interview Schedules
- Application of internet in data searching
- Art of field work, application of various techniques in data collection
- PRA, RRA, social audit and its application
- Descriptive Statistics: Measurement of Central Tendency, Dispersion, Regression and Correlation
- Measurement of Correlation: Karl Pearson’s Correlation and Rank Correlation
- Statistical Inference: Point and interval estimates, Parametric and Non Parametric Test (Chi-Square, Test of Differences, Significance and Freedom)
- Analysis of Variance and Co-Variance: One way and two way classification
- Data entry and data analysis using SPSS
- Interpretation of Results and Presentation of Data
- Language of Research
- Ethics in Social Science Research
- Report Writing and Presentation of Research findings

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