



Explicit Knowledge: Knowledge Management (KM) session

Topic: Writing a proposal for research funding

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STEP 1 Evaluating your resources

1. What is my level of expertise, interest and comfort with this topic?
2. Do I have the necessary skill or knowledge to carry out my idea?
3. Do I have the time to complete the tasks that will be required?
4. Do I have the resources needed to complete the project?
5. Are others available to serve as collaborators to complement my level of expertise?

STEP 2 Understanding the sources for funding

Researcher should understand the policy of the considered research fund so that the research proposal can be done accordingly. The expected findings or output from the research must provide a contribution to the target group specified by the fund.

STEP 3 Clear research questions

Clear research questions allow you communicate to the funding agency on what you are looking for in doing such research. This will also help you to narrow your topic and describe your idea systematically. The detail on the theories and related literature can then be obtained. And, the population and/or samples, the methodology for gathering crucial data, and the related analysis can then be determined accordingly. However, the research questions should not be too narrow so that they can be answered with just yes or no.

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STEP 4 Writing research proposal funding

Good practices are as follows:

1. Must contain all important parts; that is, background, aims and objectives, research questions, hypothesis, methodology, time-frame, budget, and the expected outcomes of the study. All should be written suiting the format required by the funding source.
2. Protocol to be used should be short and concise but be able to clearly answer the question of what, why, and how.
3. Should give enough time to write a proposal. The hustle makes errors on importance issues. In particular, literature reviewing is quite important since it can allow researcher to confine the research questions properly. Additionally, some research questions have been answered by doing literature review.

STEP 5 Planning the activities to meet the requirements of the funding source

Normally, for any research funding, the required documents and the schedule for submission will be provided. Researchers need to plan their schedule properly so that the research proposal and the required additional documents can be completed and submitted before the submission deadline. Contacting the representative of the research funding for additional information is suggested.