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## **Research Methodology Course on Qualitative Research in Social Sciences**

**For Ph.D. Students (OBC and Minority)**

**11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Organized by the

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Vinaya Bhavana**

**Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**



**"Everything comes to us that belong to us if we create the capacity to receive it."**

**-Rabindranath Tagore**

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### **About the Programme**

Research in common parlance, refers to a search for knowledge. Its main aim is to find out the truth which is hidden and has not been discovered, as yet. Doing effective research requires a person to understand how research is done scientifically. Research Methodology is a way to

systematically solve the research problem. Research needs to know various steps that are generally adopted to study research problem along with the logic behind them. It is an investigation of finding solutions to scientific and social problems through objective and systematic analysis. It is a search for knowledge, that is, a discovery of hidden truths. Quantitative research refers to observations and measurements that can be made objectively and repeated by other researchers. Along with the development of social sciences: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Social-Work, Education, researchers are more interested in studying human behaviour and the social phenomena. The social sciences found it difficult to measure human behaviour in the simpler quantitative methods, therefore qualitative research methods were developed in order to look beyond how, how often and how many. It looks at what and why and attempts to further enquiry and deepen our understanding of the social world. The theories that take on a qualitative approach to research include: Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology, Grounded Theory, Symbolic Interactionists, Interpretivists, Critical Social Science, Feminists etc. Qualitative research methods are concerned with opinions, feelings and experiences. They describes social phenomena as they occur naturally - no attempt is made to manipulate the situation - just understand and describe, understanding is sought by taking a holistic perspective / approach, rather than looking at a set of variables.

Qualitative research data is used to help us to develop concepts and theories that help us to understand the social world - which is an inductive approach to the development of theory, rather than a deductive approach that quantitative research takes i.e. Testing theories. Qualitative data is collected through direct encounters i.e. through interview or observation and is rather time consuming. The strength of qualitative research is its ability to provide complex textual descriptions of how people experience a given research issue. It provides information about the "human" side of an issue - that is, the often contradictory behaviors, beliefs, opinions, emotions, and relationships of individuals. Qualitative methods are also effective in identifying intangible factors, such as social norms, socioeconomic status, gender roles, ethnicity, and religion. When used along with quantitative methods, qualitative research can help us to interpret and better understand the complex reality of a given situation and the implications of quantitative data.

Bearing in mind the increasing need of more information and training on such important issue the Department of Education, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan is going to organize a ten days training programme on Research Methodology on Qualitative Research Methods sponsored by ICSSR from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, for research scholars (preferably for OBC and Minority categories) enrolled in universities and Institutions in West Bengal and neighbouring states. The topics for the discussion will cover both Quantitative and Qualitative research methods but more emphasis would be given to Qualitative Research.

### **About ICSSR**

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country. Its head office is situated in New Delhi with regional centres in many cities. Among a variety of tasks assigned to ICSSR it also promotes institutions and universities to organize various programmes. As an

sponsoring agency some of the major functions of ICSSR include – Sponsoring social science research programmes and projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in social sciences; arranging for technical training in research methodology and to provide guidance for research; co-ordinating research activities and encouraging programmes for interdisciplinary research; to organize, sponsor, and finance seminars, workshops and study groups etc. It advises the Government of India on all matters pertaining to social science research as may be referred to it from time to time; and take such measures generally as may be necessary from time to time to promote social science research and its utilization.

### **About Santiniketan**

In the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Maharshi Devendranath Tagore found solace and serenity in a barren land of Bolpur in Birbhum district of Bengal. He purchased the land and started the construction of a house. This house, named, Santiniketan, was built in the early 1860s; the name later came to denote the entire area. As a child, Rabindranath accompanied his father to Santiniketan. In 1901, Rabindranath started his *Brahmacharyasrama*. Rabindranath's choice of Santiniketan for his school was definitely because of its environment. In "My School", he has written: "I selected a beautiful place, far away from the contamination of town life, for I myself, in my young days, was brought up in that town in the heart of India, Calcutta, and all the time I had a sort of homesickness for some distant lane somewhere, where my heart, my soul, could have its true emancipation... I knew that the mind had its hunger for the ministrations of nature, mother-nature, and so I selected this spot where the sky is unobstructed to the verge of the horizon. There the mind could have its fearless freedom to create its own dreams and the seasons could come with all their colours and movements and beauty into the very heart of the human dwelling." The celebration of seasons was always a feature in the asrama. It was always the objective in Santiniketan that learning would be a part of life's natural growth. The first step towards this objective was to establish in the child a sense of oneness with nature. A child has to be aware of his surroundings - the trees, birds and animals around him. Rabindranath said we concentrate on learning from books and neglect the knowledge that is freely available on all sides. Rabindranath Tagore, as the first non-European Nobel Laureate, started Visva-Bharati in 1921. Visva-Bharati was declared to be a central university and an institution of national importance by an Act of Parliament in 1951. In the words of Rabindranath Tagore himself "Visva-Bharati represents India where she has her wealth of mind which is for all. Visva-Bharati acknowledges India's obligation to offer to others the hospitality of her best culture and India's right to accept from others their best".

### **About the Vinaya Bhavana and Department of Education**

Established in 1948 as Art and Craft and Music Teachers Training centre and subsequently developed as a full-fledged Teachers Training College in 1951, Vinaya Bhavana has the objective of training teachers for secondary schools as well as academicians committed to the cause of education in its various forms. Vinaya Bhavana has adopted Rabindranath Tagore's integrated system of education through which education, cultural sensitivity and service can be provided to motley of communities that vary from one another. If education is the vehicle of change, then the

need for having adequately trained personnel becomes urgent. In the words of Tagore, “*The highest education is that which does not merely give us information, but makes our life in harmony with all existence*”.

Vinaya Bhavana has two separate Departments of Education and Physical Education which offer the courses; B. Ed., M.Ed., M. A. in Education, B.A. /B. Sc. (Hons.) in Physical Education, B. P. Ed., M. P. Ed. and Ph.D. programmes both in Education and Physical Education. It has an active research cell. Through its Extension Services (REC) Wing, it also realizes the value of follow-up programmes for providing opportunities for in-service training in the recognition of school courses, improvement of school programmes, new methods and techniques, etc. for the teachers of secondary schools in various districts of West Bengal. The students of this institute are provided with a very serious, adequate, guided and supervised field practice teaching in the schools of Visva-Bharati as well as the West Bengal Secondary Education Boards schools surrounding Visva-Bharati.

### **Who Can Apply?**

1. Total number of seats is 30 only (20 Outstation + 10 Local).
2. Only Research Scholars pursuing Ph.D. and presently enrolled in any of the stream of Social Sciences (Education, Economics, Psychology, Philosophy, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work).
3. Participants from OBC and Minority categories.
4. Apart from West Bengal participants from neighbouring states; Assam, Odisha, Bihar and North-Eastern States, are also encouraged to apply.
5. Participants from General Category may also apply, but their selection is subject to the availability of seats vacant.
6. ***Please bring your Laptop for the purpose of SPSS/Data Analysis***

### **Features:**

1. No Registration Fee.
2. Free Lunch, Dinner and Refreshment.
3. TA for out stationed students.
4. Preference will be given to ***OBC and Minority Categories*** participants.
5. Only 20 outstation participants will be selected on First come First serve basis.

### **Accommodation & Travel Allowance:**

Accommodation will be provided to the outstation participants only. Travel allowance by shortest distance bus or train (sleeper class) will be reimbursed to the outstation participants on the production of tickets as per ICSSR guidelines. Limited accommodation is available at the University Guest House for the outstation participants on sharing basis.

### **How to apply?**

The interested candidates may apply directly to the Course Director of the programme through email given below on or before **25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. Selected candidates will be intimated through email/university website by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. The duly filled in Registration form must be accompanied with the following enclosures:

1. A brief note about his/her topic of research pursuing (1000 words.)

2. A brief write up about the reasons for his/her participation in the workshop (maximum 400 words) and expectations from the Programme.
3. Duly attested photograph by the Head/Principal pasted on the Registration Form.
4. Copy of Ph.D. Registration.
5. Category Certificate (OBC/Minority) by competent authority/ Declaration by the Head/Principal (in case Minority)

**Note:** To bring Release Order by the Head of the Department/ Principal is necessary at the time of attending the programme.

**Venue of the Programme:**

Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana

Visva-Bharati (A Central University), Santiniketan-731235, West Bengal.

[www.visva-bharati.ac.in](http://www.visva-bharati.ac.in)

**Important Dates:**

Last date of Application Form Submission : **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Display of the List of the Selected Candidates : **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Commencement of the Programme : **11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.**

**Note:** Scan copy of the Filled in Registration Form along with the required documents must reach on or before **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 by 5 P.M.** positively to the following E-mail (No hard copy should be sent by post).

[\*\*rmvinaya@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:rmvinaya@gmail.com)

**Application form received after last date will not be considered in any case.**

**FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION FEEL FREE TO CONTACT-**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Registration Form should be reached on or before 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016)*

NAME: (BLOCK LETTER).....

Male/Female: .....Date of Birth: .....Religion.....

Category (Tick): OBC/Minority (specify)/ GEN.....

Subject/Discipline: .....

Research Scholar (Tick): Full Time / Part-Time.....

Receiving Scholarship: Yes/No.....Type.....

Date/ Year of Ph. D. Registration (attach Xerox copy) .....

Department/ Institute / Organization: .....

Address for Correspondence: .....

..... PIN .....

E-MAIL: .....

MOBILE: .....

Have you attended similar type of Course previously: Yes/ No.....

(If Yes, Specify the name of the Course with Place): .....

Title of your Ph.D. Thesis: .....

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Accommodation required (Tick): Yes/No..... Food: (VEG/ NON-VEG).....

Passport Size  
PHOTO attested  
by H.O.D/  
Principal

**DECLARATION**

I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the organizing University for attending the Research Methodology Course sponsored by ICSSR and if I am found involved in any activity against general discipline or irregular during the course without any prior permission or information to the Course Director, my candidature may be cancelled and disciplinary action may be taken by informing the parent institution.

DATE: .....

**(Signature of the Applicant)**

PLACE.....

**Name:** .....

**FORWARDING/ RECOMMENDATION BY THE AUTHORITY**

We recommend Mr./Ms. ....enrolled as a full time/part time Research Scholar at the Department of.....in this University/College/Institution, to attend the *ICSSR sponsored 'Research Methodology Course on Qualitative Research in Social Sciences for Ph.D. Students (OBC and Minority)'* during **11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016** organized by the Department of Education, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. He/ she will be released from the department for attending the course, if selected.

Signature & Seal:

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Name: .....

Name: .....

**(Ph.D. Supervisor)**

**(Head of the Department/Principal)**