

Report of the USHS Research Proposal writing workshop 2011 held on 8th - 11th February 2011 at MUJHU

Uganda Society for Health Scientists (USHS) held a proposal writing workshop from 8 – 11 February 2011 at the MUJHU III. The Vice Chairperson of the Society welcomed participants to the workshop and informed the participants about the objectives of the workshop. The workshop attracted a total of 39 participants comprising of 21 females and 16 males, majority were postgraduate students from different departments of the College of Health Sciences and a few from the humanities.

Below is a table summarizing workshop Involvement.

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	Facilitators	Topics taught	
40	Dr. Eric Wobudeya	Introduction to Research methods, format of a research proposal & Problem Analysis	
41	Mr. Anslem Olwenyi	Literature Search	
42	Dr. Roy Mayega	Research Methods & Data Management	
43	Dr. David Mukanga	Planning and Budgeting	
44	Dr. Fred Nakwagala	Ethics Issues in health research	
45	Dr. Sarah Ssali	Qualitative Research Methods	
46	Ms. Alison Kinegyere	Endnote	
	Organizing Team	Role	
47	Dr. Carol Onyango	Committee Chairperson	
48	Dr. Irene Andia	Committee member	
49	Isabella Achokotho	USHS Administrator	
50	Senvewo Richard	USHS Administrative Assistant	

General comments from participants

- ❖ More time for all sessions so as to have more examples and practicals.
- ❖ Need to learn more about hypothesis formulation.
- ❖ We need more time for practical work to on our own proposals.
- ❖ We should also a facilitation specifically looking at Social Research especially in regards to study designs.
- ❖ Improve time management, start sessions on time and serve meals and refreshments on time.
- ❖ The workshops should be put outside the university semester time so that postgraduate students have all the time to be in class.
- ❖ The material to cover is a lot, I suggest subdividing the topics into different times.
- ❖ Time management was very good please keep up.
- ❖ It was very useful and rewarding workshop and well timed. Topics were relevant and well presented.
- ❖ Ethics session was well facilitated.
- ❖ Well done USHS.

Summary of Workshop Evaluations.

Sessions	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Introduction to Research methods & format of a research proposal		5.3%	26.4%	47.4%	21.1%
Problem Analysis		10%	30%	50%	10%
Research Question, Objective & Hypothesis Formulation		5%	30%	50%	15%
Literature Search			28%	50%	22%
Practical session Participants present their titles, research questions and objectives		30%	20%	20%	30%
Methods I, Study Designs & Methods II, Sampling procedure, Sample size determination		8.7%	21.8%	47.9%	21.8%
Practical Session		5.6%	16.7%	38.9%	38.9%
Methods III, & Methods IV		8.7%	8.7%	47.9%	34.8%
Data Management		7%	22%	57%	14%
Practical		23%	23%	31%	23%
Planning and Budgeting		13.4%	53.4%	20%	13.4%
Ethical Issues in Health Research			13%	27%	60%
Qualitative Research Methods		4%	12%	65%	19%
Endnote		4%	15%	46%	35%
Logistics					
Venue		3.6%	42.9%	32.2%	21.5%
General workshop organization			29.7%	40.8%	29.7%