

## **Editorial Foreword**

We can define “Research” as an organized and systematic way of finding answers to questions by gathering the needed information. General thinking about research is that it is a laboratory activity where scientists are apparently doing some experiments. It is not totally correct. Research is simply the process of finding solutions to a problem after thorough study and analysis of the situational factors. In research, researchers follow a system or a procedure in an organized way. Hence not only researchers have to do the study in a systematic approach but also that system should be known to the readers of his/ her research study.

Research proposal is the most important document in planning a research. A research proposal is the document that plans how and in which way a research will be conducted. Research proposals contain extensive literature reviews. Research proposal must offer convincing support to plan the research and its execution. Also it must provide a reasonable justification for the research theme/ topic. It means the theme/topic for which research study is being proposed should be sound enough to conduct a worthy research. The proposal must describe a detailed research method for conducting the research such as research approach, research strategy, data collection method, data analysis techniques and reporting system.

It is important to note that when writing a proposal it is well to assume that reader of the proposal is interested to find out the answers of following questions; what do researcher want to do, how much will it cost, how much time will it take, what has already been done in the area of the project, how do researcher plan to do it and how will the results be evaluated.

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