

Chapter 1

Rethinking Research in Higher Education: A Scholarly Exploration

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ABSTRACT

This chapter serves as a comprehensive guide for emerging academics and postgraduate students navigating higher education research. Its primary objective is to equip readers with skills, knowledge, and strategies to excel in research, publish effectively, and contribute to knowledge production. The chapter empowers researchers by delving into best practices, methodologies, and trends. It provides guidance on effective writing and publication strategies, enabling researchers to disseminate their findings and contribute to scholarly discourse. Embracing diversity, the chapter encourages a multifaceted approach, exploring frameworks and marginalized voices. This challenges paradigms and fosters a more representative body of knowledge. The work supports research supervision, providing strategies to enhance postgraduate student guidance, recognizing supervision's crucial role in shaping emerging scholars' development. Ultimately, this work aspires to make a significant contribution to knowledge production in higher education.

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INTRODUCTION

This scholarly work serves as a comprehensive guide for emerging academics and postgraduate students navigating the realm of research in higher education. Its primary objective is to equip readers with the necessary skills, knowledge, and strategies to excel in their research endeavors, publish effectively, and contribute meaningfully to knowledge production. The chapter recognizes the ordinary struggles academics face in publishing and aims to assist them in navigating the intricate pathways of publishing and making informed decisions in their research pursuits. For postgraduate students, it promises to unlock the secrets to crafting sound research proposals and producing high-quality dissertations. By delving into the inner workings of multiple perspectives, this scholarly work aspires to broaden horizons, foster empathy, and deepen understanding of the world around us.

One of the primary aims of this chapter is to equip academics, postgraduate students, and researchers with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their research endeavors. By delving into best practices, methodologies, and emerging trends in higher education research, this chapter empowers its readers to design and execute high-quality studies that push the boundaries of knowledge. Additionally, it provides valuable guidance on effective writing and publication strategies, enabling researchers to disseminate their findings through reputable academic channels and contribute to the scholarly discourse in their respective fields. This chapter encourages a multifaceted approach to higher education research to recognize the importance of diverse perspectives in shaping research practices. Exploring various theoretical frameworks, cultural contexts, and marginalized voices aims to challenge existing paradigms and foster a more inclusive and representative body of knowledge. By embracing diversity and inclusivity, this chapter empowers researchers to produce research that is relevant, impactful, and responsive to the needs of diverse stakeholders.

Another key aim of this chapter is to support academics involved in research supervision and mentorship. Providing practical strategies and evidence-based best practices aims to enhance the quality of supervision for postgraduate students. This chapter recognizes the crucial role that adequate supervision plays in shaping emerging scholars' research skills, academic writing abilities, and professional development. By equipping supervisors with the tools and resources necessary to guide their students through the research process, this chapter ultimately contributes to the success and well-being of postgraduate students and the broader academic community. Ultimately, this chapter aspires to make a significant contribution to knowledge production in the field of higher education. By inspiring and empowering academics, postgraduate students, and researchers to engage in rigorous, innovative, and socially relevant research, it aims to advance knowledge and understanding in the higher education sector. Through its emphasis on diverse perspectives and

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