



**Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**

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**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE**

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**Department of Psychology**

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**Department of Economics**

**Sardar Patel University**

**Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

The Department of Psychology, Sardar Patel University was started in 1981 with a view to provide specialized training and teaching in the discipline of Psychology for students coming with rural background. With the help of highly trained faculties the Department started providing specialization in Industrial / Organization and Abnormal / Clinical Psychology along with option of Dissertation in lieu of one elective subject at the post-graduate level. Not only that in 1994, the Department introduced one year M. Phil programme in Psychology it was the only Department in the state of Gujarat to provide such a programme in Psychology. The Department also started providing facilities for doctoral research, mainly in applied areas like mental health, meditation intervention, job-satisfaction, organizational health, Stress and tension reducing programme, teacher effectiveness, marriage & family life etc. At master degree, M. Phil and Ph.D. level. The Department has remained fairly active, both academically and professionally, during this period. It has the destination of organizing successfully seminar / conferences / workshops, both at the regional and national level. The Department has also carried out different academic and welfare activities under the University Exchange Programme and UGC scheme exchange programme, and with welfare groups (Rotary & Lions) blood donation programme, both at local and outstation for the benefit of community.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

The Department of Economics is a premier Department in the Faculty of Arts. Since its inception in 1958, the Department has been focusing on rural development in extending giving rural bias to its programmes of post graduate teaching, research, extension and development. It also has the advantage of having close collaboration with two of its associate institutions viz., Agro-Economic Research Centre for Gujarat and Rajasthan and the Comprehensive Scheme for Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops. Professional engagement of the faculty members in accumulation and transfer of know-how of the processes of economic change with a focus on rural development is well evident from their active participation in a wide range of research projects and advisory services. For academic activities in the thrust areas of Agricultural Economics, Rural Development and Environmental Economics the Department has received recognition and financial support from the government, corporate, and Cooperative sectors and other academic institutions. The UGC had sanctioned financial grant to the Department for its development under Special Assistance Programme Phase I and II. During the X<sup>th</sup> Plan period, the UGC has had inducted the Department to the Departmental Special Assistance Phase III and has had also sanctioned additional library grant. To strengthen the infrastructural facilities of the Department, the UGC had also sanctioned an additional grant under ASIHSS (Assistance for Strengthening Infrastructure in Humanities and Social Sciences) Programme. UGC also provided the status of Centre for Advanced studies (CAS) in Economics and financial support under this status. At present the Department is about to complete the second phase of the CAS programme. The Department has acquired basic infrastructural facilities to help the students to enhance their skills. It is housed in a three storied building having class rooms, independent cabins for the faculty members, administrative and support facilities, a seminar hall, reading room, library, computer laboratory, Internet Connectivity, overhead projectors, multi-media projectors etc. The Department publishes “ARTHA-VIKAS”, a half yearly journal of economic development. Articles and research papers by eminent academicians as well as young members of the teaching fraternity find a place in the journal. Faculty members at the Department consist of a congenial mix of widely experienced senior faculty members and enthusiastic young scholars as their juniors. On the whole, the multi-cultural backgrounds and multifaceted abilities of the faculty members promote an atmosphere of healthy intellectual debates and discussions, which work to the advantage of one and all of the students as well as faculty.

#### **SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY**

Sardar Patel University is re-accredited with “A” Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25) and is well recognized for its forefront in terms of academic and research excellence. The University has several unique features namely, it is the only one university in the western India and in the state of Gujarat for getting recognition as the center of excellence in applied polymers for multi-disciplinary research. It has its own community Radio Station and GUCOST funded Community Science Center. It has an Agro-Economic Research Centre and Cost of Cultivation Scheme, Gujarat. The university was one of the first in the state of Gujarat to volunteer to introduce CBCS system at UG and PG level simultaneously. The University and the township of Vallabh Vidyanagar is a model of rural regeneration & development and in fact both are established by a unique co-operative contribution from the local farmers. It has 27 Postgraduate Departments, a constituent college, and 148 colleges affiliated to it. The teaching programs at UG and PG level are offered under various faculties such as Science, Arts, Commerce, Management, Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine, Homeopathy, Home Science, Law and Education. The courses offered are framed keeping in view the needs of the students, the society, and the employing agencies – industry or organizations. With such a variety of disciplines available, it is possible for taking up the challenge of introducing research component at UG and PG level.

#### **Uniqueness of the Landmarks**

The story of the genesis and growth of two major landmarks, Vallabh Vidyanagar as an educational township, and Sardar Patel University as its leading light, is a saga of convictions and hard work that went into their making. However, its uniqueness lies in the fact that structurally and philosophy, it is different from institution built on the tenets of Gandhian philosophy or that of Vinobaji's. The uniqueness of the structure engineer in the form of Vallabh Vidyanagar owes itself to a combination of the best of both in the East and the West, in a fine blend, as it were, and in the right proportion. The University was recognised fewer than two of the UGC Act in October 1968, and has completed 63 Golden years of its academic excellence. No wonder, then, that efforts have been made either to emulate its example or to replicate it elsewhere in Gujarat.

#### **Location of Vallabh Vidyanagar**

Vallabh Vidyanagar is close to the Milk City of India (Anand) in terms of its strategic geographical location. Anand is on Vadodara-Ahmedabad line of the Western Railway in the heart of Anand District of Gujarat. It is well connected with the rest of the country by railway network, and roads. Due to its strategic location, it is

flanked by two major cities of Gujarat: Ahmedabad and Vadodara, both of which have airports, railway junctions, and bus terminuses, making it easy for a visitor to reach Anand, and from there on to Vallabh Vidyanagar.

The distance between Anand and Ahmedabad is 75 kms by bus and 65 kms by train, and the journey takes an hour and a half or two hours at the maximum. Similarly, the distance between Anand and Vadodara is 45 kms by bus and 35 kms by train, and the journey takes 45 minutes or an hour at the most. Vallabh Vidyanagar is about 5 kms from Anand and 2 kms from Karamsad, the native place of Sardar Patel. The Express Highway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara has further reduced the time taken in travelling to slightly over an hour, and half an hour from Ahmedabad and Vadodara respectively. The University Campus (including the main campus as well as 4 satellite campuses) is situated in the heart of a rural countryside against a lush green pollution-free backdrop, offering all the amenities of modern life.

Sardar Patel had shared his vision of academic excellence in these words: "We want to train the citizens of Independent India and not helpless young ones loitering for jobs, thus education without character is worthless".

### **INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**

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 on the recommendation of Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao Committee. ICSSR is an autonomous organization. ICSSR provides grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, survey publication etc. to promote research in social sciences in India. Documentation center of ICSSR - National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC) - provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences. ICSSR has developed ICSSR Data Service to serve as a national data service for promoting powerful research environment through sharing and reuse of data among social science community in India. The Council aims to:

- Review the progress of social science research and give advice;
- Sponsor social science research programmes and projects and administer grants to institutions and individuals for research;
- Institute and administer scholarships and fellowships for research in social sciences;
- Indicate areas in which social science research is to be promoted and adopt special measures for development of research in neglected or new areas;
- Give financial support to institutions, associations, and journals engaged in social science research;

- Arrange for technical training in research methodology and to provide guidance for research;
- Co-ordinate research activities and encourage programmes for interdisciplinary research;
- Develop and support centers for documentation services and supply of data;
- Organize, sponsor, and finance seminars, workshops and study groups;
- Undertake publication and assist publication of journals and books in social sciences;

Advise 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.

### **OBJECTIVES OF COURSE**

There is rapid progress in the field of research at present times. There are ample numbers of opportunities in the field of research. Industry, Corporate, Government Agencies, Service organizations and NGOs are looking for experts in research who possess research aptitude and research skills. Formal training in research makes big difference in approach towards research. Formal training helps to cultivate right research perspective among research students. The nature of research in social science is different than research in pure science and applied science. Social science research needs proper orientation and prowess to conduct research in effective way. Following are specific objectives of proposed research workshop in order to explore potential of research filled.

#### **The workshop comprises to specific objectives**

1. Develop right understanding of research as systematic and scientific process
2. Imparting skills of identifying problems and selecting appropriate topics for research
3. Nurture skills of literature review and how to write literature review
4. Demonstration of application of different statistical tests and how to write interpretations
5. Develop right perspective and approach of research report writing
6. Developing research paper writing skills by making them familiar with different types of research paper based on different research design
7. Basics of qualitative research and its role in social science

It will be fully activity based interactive workshop which covers following aspects;

- Research topic selection and title selection

- Literature review writing and types of literature review
- Research problem identification
- How to write data interpretations and inferences
- Different Types of research design use in social science
- Data collection methods and skill
- Para-metric and non-parametric statistical tests
- Basics of Excel and SPSS
- Different Research methodologies
- Referencing and citation
- Plagiarism concern and issues
- Research paper language and structure

### **REGISTRATION FEE - No registration fee**

### **ELIGIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

Only Research Scholars (M. Phil, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral researchers) in the field of social sciences and allied subjects are eligible to apply for the course. Faculty members are not eligible for this Course.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The scientific committee will be constituted by the director and co-director to identify participants and accordingly selected candidates will be informed by 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 or as consideration received from ICSSR after suggestion for the date of course.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates can submit his/her application to the Program Director using registration form on or before **5<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**. An advanced copy of application will send to the following emails.

Prof. S. M. Makvana Course Director Mo. – 9427083799 Email- <a href="mailto:smm@spuvvn.edu">smm@spuvvn.edu</a>	Dr. J. K. Barot Co-course Director Mo. – 9427545457 Email- <a href="mailto:jignesh_barot@spuvvn.edu">jignesh_barot@spuvvn.edu</a>
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### **Link for Online Registration**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSISjEk9JsRu9IrvAHKPsCdElomvWOZE5-f1BKr\\_F43rI8w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSISjEk9JsRu9IrvAHKPsCdElomvWOZE5-f1BKr_F43rI8w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE COURSE**

The Course will be conducted tentatively during the period from 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. The Course will be organized by the Department of Psychology & Department of Economics, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar-388120, Gujarat.

**The last Date for receipt of the application: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**The selected candidate would be intimated on his/her E-mail or mobile/local phone.**