

# BROCHURE 2021



## Training Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research

### Research methodology and research protocol development

#### Organizers

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER) in collaboration with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health & Research, World Health Organization (Geneva)

#### Course Duration

06 September – 31 October 2021 (8 weeks)

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## About

### **The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research**

The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER) is a non-profit organization established in 2002. It is supported by the Department of Social Affairs of the City of Geneva and other Swiss and international institutions.

The Foundation works in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The overall objectives of the Foundation are to promote and develop health education and research programs.

## Objective

### **Training course in research methodology and research protocol development 2021**

The objective of this course is to provide knowledge and skills in research methodology and research protocol development to health professionals in sexual and reproductive health field. This course will enhance participants' knowledge of research methodology and how to develop research protocols and improve their scientific writing.

# Training Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research

## Research methodology and research protocol development

### **Four thematic areas:**

#### **Literature search and referral to biomedical documents**

The aim of conducting a literature search is to identify the most relevant sources related to a study topic in order to provide evidence, give background information, place research into a theoretical context and inform readers about similar research on the topic. A literature review is crucial for the credibility of a scientific paper and serves as an update of professional knowledge in a particular field of expertise.

Referencing is a standard way of citing the sources of information you have used and ideas that are not your intellectual property. It is important to verify citation and to allow readers to follow-up certain topics in further detail and locate the cited author's original work.

#### **Epidemiologic studies**

This section provides basic knowledge on different epidemiological studies used to conduct research projects. It includes methods for observational (analytic & descriptive) studies, such as cross sectional, cohort, case-control and experimental studies like randomized trials. This section includes both quantitative and qualitative methods for conducting research as well as various data collection methods.

#### **Scientific writing**

This section provides instruction on scientific writing, such as article, report, presentation based on academic criteria.

#### **Research protocol development**

This section provides practical instructions on how to develop a research protocol according to the WHO recommended format.

# Research methodology and research protocol development

## Course Topics

1. Introduction
2. Research topic selection
3. Research question and research problem statement
4. Effective literature search and citing biomedical documents and sources
5. Types of research (Qualitative and Quantitative)
6. Epidemiologic studies
  - 6.1. Observational studies
    - 6.1.1. Cohort
    - 6.1.2. Case-control
  - 6.2. Experimental studies
    - 6.2.1. Randomized controlled trial
  - 6.3. Cross-sectional studies
  - 6.4. Systematic review
7. Sampling (sample size and sampling technique)
8. Data collection methods
  - 8.1. Questionnaire
  - 8.2. Interview guide
  - 8.3. Focus Group Discussion
9. Qualitative study design
10. Research Ethics
11. Critical appraisal of research publication
12. Scientific writing
13. Standard research protocol format



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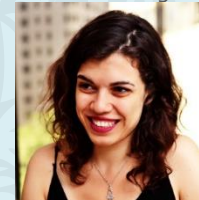
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In alphabetical order by country



# Eligible Candidates

Health professionals, paramedical staff, project planners and managers in health-related areas, advocates, government officials and social scientists.

# Learning Methods

On each of the topic, the following items will be posted:

1. A set of slides with accompanying talking points
2. Reference documents
3. Other audio-visual materials

## Teaching language

The teaching language of the course is English.

## What is required of you?

For each module, participants must:

- Study the slides and talking points.
- Read all accompanying documents.
- Complete the short assignment / MCQs / interactive exercises, after going through the slide set and documents.

A personal coach will be assigned to each participant, whose role is to facilitate the learning process and serve as tutor.

## Course validation and certificate

In order to validate the module and obtain the certificate, the participants are required to develop a research protocol relevant to their professional practice and under the guidance of their personal coach.

# Admission Procedures

1. Submit the online application form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev5C2zsZZbeamSoGtbb0VjAa7Rw4ydddcisUyecX5EVS8MSA/viewform>

2. Submit the following documents that are required to process admission via email (researchmethodology@gfmer.org):

- A curriculum vitae, including sections on current and previous positions.
- A letter of motivation stating clearly your interests and reasons for applying to the Course (1 page maximum).

3. Wait for the acceptance notice from the administrative office.

4. If your application is accepted, settle the course fee before the course commences.

## Important Dates

Start date: 06 September 2021

End date: 31 October 2021

Application deadline: 23 August 2021

Payment deadline: 30 August 2021

## Course Fee

USD 250

## Course Website

<https://www.gfmer.ch/SRH-Course-2021/research-methodology/index.htm>

## Application Form

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