

**TRAINING TO ENGAGED  
TRANSFORMATIVE RESEARCH**  
January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2018  
Amman, Jordan



**Program Guide**

Training Leader: Dr. Suad Joseph, University of California Davis

Trainers: Dr. Zeina Zaatari; Dr. Barbara Ibrahim; Dr. Mona Khalaf; Dr. Nadine Naber

Overview:

In advance of the seminar, participants will have been sent to read key documents on Dr. Suad Joseph's website on proposal writing: <http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu> (The key documents are available in Arabic and English). The seminar includes an intensive lecture which presents all the components of a research proposal in condensed form for the first day (Dr. Suad Joseph). The second and third will have lectures on preparation of research problems by the trainers, Zeina Zaatari, Nadine Naber, Barbara Ibrahim). Participants will work in "writing groups" on assignments. Each writing group will identify a team leader to coordinate their schedules. Each participant is required to make a presentation every day to the writing group and share their assignments for feedback. On the third day, each participant will make a presentation of their proposal to the whole seminar.

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## Program Agenda

### **A.Pre-Workshop:**

1. Participants are to read the following documents BEFORE the workshop  
[http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty\\_Workshop/index.htm](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm)
  - a. Components of a Humanities & Social Science Research Proposal
  - b. Ten Tips for Proposal Writing
  - c. The Art of Proposal Writing <http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu>
2. All workshop participants should be comfortable in English speaking and writing
3. Core participants are to bring a one page abstract to the workshop. <mailto:sjoseph@ucdavis.edu>  
The abstract is to answer these questions:
  - a. What is the question you wish to answer?
  - b. What is your tentative answer to the question?
  - c. How have others answered this question?
  - d. Why are those answers inadequate?
  - e. Why is your answer to this question better than other answers?
  - f. What is the value added by answering this question?

### **B. Topics for Day One of the Workshop. Time for questions and answers is built in.**

I.Introduction to Workshop: Suad Joseph, UC Davis

II. Funders: Their Objectives & Their Resources

Creating relationships with funders

Types of Grants: Individual, collaborative, institutional

Government and international agencies; Research agencies, institutes and centers

Action agencies; Private Foundations, donors, gifts; Information sources

Target Audiences – academic, institutional, public officials, students, community

III: The Effective Research Proposal

A. What is the question? What are the goals? (What is a researchable question?)

(Statement of the problem, objectives, the abstract, project target audience)

B. What is the answer? (Hypothesis) & Why is this the best answer? (Theory)

C. How have others addressed the question? Why project is worth funding?

(Literature review, need statement, significance statement, bibliography)

E. What have you already done & can you do this project? (Project feasibility, preparatory research, preliminary results, vitae, formal approvals, research permits, access, contacts, skill)

F. Is the project feasible? How will you answer the question? (Methods & design). How much will it cost? How long will it take? (Budget & timetable)

G. Other Components (facilities, infrastructural support, human subjects review, institutional commitment, statistics, intellectual property )

IV. Why proposals fail (How to increase your chances on first submission. How to do second submission. Review Process, Getting feedback).

### C. Workshop Program:

#### January 19, 2018

8:30am	Registration
9am	Introduction to seminar & Introduction of Participants & Trainers Presenter: <b>Dr. Suad Joseph</b>
9:30am-11:00	Components of a Research Proposal
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-1:00	Components of a Research Proposal
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00-3:30	Components of a Research Proposal
3:30-4:00	Coffee Break
4:00-5:00	Components of a Research Proposal
5:00-5:30	Assignments & Writing Groups
5:30-6:00pm	Break
6:00	Dinner together

#### January 20, 2018

8:30am-9am	Coffee
9am-10am	“Selecting a Topic to Which You Can Commit” Presenter: <b>Dr. Barbara Ibrahim</b>
10:00-11:00am	“Finding a Fit Between Your Passion & Donor’s Priorities” Presenter: <b>Dr. Barbara Ibrahim</b>
11:00-11:30am	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30pm	“Engaged Research: What is it; How To Do It” Presenter: <b>Dr. Zeina Zaatari</b>
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-4:00pm	<b>Writing Groups</b>
4:00-4:30pm	Coffee Break
4:30-5:30	“Transformative Research in Your Own Communities” Presenter: <b>Dr. Nadine Naber</b>
5:30-6:00	Preparing Presentations

#### January 21, 2018

8:30-9:00am	Coffee
9:00-10:30am	Presentations of Preliminary Proposals
10:30-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-1:00	Presentations of Preliminary Proposals
1:00-2:00	Lunch
2:00-6:00	Presentations of Preliminary Proposals