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HOW TO IDENTIFY AND INITIATE AN APPROPRIATE RESEARCH PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

- Research is Global, and every researcher live each day on two cardinal factor.
 - Developing on the existing things
 - Improving on the existing things



WHAT I HAVE DISCOVERED!

A Research
Project begins with
Identification of Research Topic

And

A topic alone is hard to investigate-without a problem there really isn't anything to investigate or come to a conclusion about.



THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE IDENTIFY A RESEARCH PROJECT

- **“Through Research Problem”**

1. The problem existing in the locality or country but no known solution to the problem.
2. There are probable solutions but they are not yet tested.
3. The occurrence of phenomena requires scientific investigation to arrive at precise solution.
4. Serious needs/problems of the people where it demands research.

HOW DO WE INITIATE A RESEARCH PROJECT

➔ • **Have a focus area:**

“Note that a good project is a focused project”

Field/discipline

Area of Interest

Concentration



HOW DO WE INITIATE A RESEARCH PROJECT

➔ • **Through a relevant review:**

“A man who reviews the old so as to find out the new is qualified to teach others”

A good review shows:

- That you are aware of what is going on in the field
- That there is a theory base of the work you are proposing to do
- How your work fits in with what has already been done
- That your work has significance
- That your work will lead to new knowledge

LITERATURE MIGHT BE FROM



Recent paper Publications: such as

“technical papers, conference proceedings papers, chapter in books, columns etc



Recommendation from past thesis/dissertation

“check your library”



Identify a scholar in your field

“Google scholar, Google scholar citation, research gate, Scopus, Scival,”



HOW DO WE INITIATE A RESEARCH PROJECT

 • **Through an ideas/Topics from other discussant:**

An ideas can be obtain from discussion i.e. Brainstorming, seminar, workshop, defense.....

“A topic describes where, in your field and in the secondary literature, your dissertation falls”

“Identify worthwhile problem in the topic under consideration and formulate doable dissertation/thesis”

HOW DO WE INITIATE A RESEARCH PROJECT



- **Supervisors**

“Other than you, no one will make as big a contribution to the quality of your project as your supervisor. Getting along in an amicable and professional manner helps-a lot”

“The main criteria for good supervisors are that they be competent in what they do and they see primary role as helping you initiate research project”

THREE FACTORS ARE PREDICTIVE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT



Your Goal

“If you make it your stated goal to finish on time and you focus your activities on that, you will finish”

Your Process

“You need to know what to do, how to do it, and when to do it then you will make steady progress toward your goal”

Your Discipline

“Researching and writing a project work is a lot of work and it needs to be done. Putting them together take self-discipline”



CONCLUSION

***Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man;
and writing an exact man***

Francis Bacon

Study  ***Show***  ***Scopus....***

