

Writing Research Paper: You Can Do It Too!!

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Editorial

Writing research paper has become an essential part of the requirements for career advancements, gaining academic visibility and establishing one's academic credentials among peers. This has led the young researchers wondering on how to proceed in correct direction and more than often ends up in hasty preparation of a second-rate manuscript. There are lots of problems associated with the hasty academic research papers being written in this way. First of all, papers written in haste or pressure of just to publish a paper in order to achieve a degree certificate or due to compulsion by the supervisor do not match the required quality criterion and get rejected. Some simple guidelines if followed can help you to give the quality manuscript in manageable time limits.

Every research paper starts with selection of a topic. Select a topic of your interest. Collect the material and narrow down to the portion which you want to cover in your research paper. Next comes creating a rough outline i.e. a blueprint or rough draft for the research paper. It always helps to divide the paper in sections. A good outline always helps you to keep track of your ideas, acting as a road map for a writing a perfect academic paper.

Now you can start developing your paper by writing sentences and filling up each of the sections of your outline. Start the section with a strong opening, gradually building the supporting paragraph and finally summarizing the section. Complete the manuscript gradually completing all the sections one at a time. Once all the sections are

completed, you can go back and refine each section, append new sections, remove one, rearrange paragraphs, or check for omissions, grammatical mistakes or any errors which may have crept in.

If you have to finish a paper and meet a deadline either due to approaching examination or ultimatum from supervisor, Divide your available time equally in to the number of sections you have to write. Time your sections and give yourself manageable time limits while writing. Try to finish the section within the pre-decided time limit. If a section takes more time than the pre-decided time limit, don't worry. Just move on to the next section and try to make up for the lost time in this section. Generally, conclusion, future work etc. takes less time in comparison to abstract, introduction etc. so adjust your time accordingly. Don't rush your paper and don't compromise on quality in haste.

Once your manuscript is ready, check it by reading it aloud many times. Reading a text again and again tells all the flaws in the smooth flow of text. Help of a fellow colleague may be taken, he may be asked to proofread the ready script. Finally incorporate all the corrections in to thoroughly checked and refined final draft. Voila! You are ready for submission of the manuscript.

Writing a research paper is a very important step for strong career growth, like all good skills it also takes time to build up, it gets easier with practice and with time it comes as a natural flair. So, treat it accordingly and don't wait any longer. Start writing and submitting your academic research now.

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