

## **7. Writing a Research Proposal**

# Objectives

At the end of this chapter, students will be able to:

- Explain the different components of research proposal
- Write a research proposal

# Components of a Proposal

Title and cover page

Acknowledgment

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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1. Introduction

2. Objective

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4. Work plan

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# Title and Cover Page

## Cover page

- The first page of the proposal/scientific paper
- Cover page must include:
  - ☐ Name of organization/Logo
  - ☐ Title
  - ☐ Investigator(s) name
  - ☐ Advisor(s) name
  - ☐ For whom the proposal is going to be submitted
  - ☐ Date of submission
  - ☐ Place of submission

# Title

**Purpose:** to provide a brief, informative summary that will attract your target audience

- Should be in line with your general objective
- Should tell readers what your study is about, where, when and on whom it will be done
- The Title should include:
  - ☐ The main research problem
  - ☐ The specific issue to be addressed
  - ☐ Target population
  - ☐ Place
  - ☐ Time

## **Example:**

### **Factors Associated with Needle Stick and Sharp Injuries among Health Care Workers in Dessie Town Public Health Facilities, North East Ethiopia, 2008**

**The main research problem:** Needle Stick and Sharp Injuries

**Specific issue:** Associated factors

**Target population:** Health Care workers

**Place:** Dessie town public health facilities

**Time:** 2008

Title sometimes includes methods (optional)

- Methods used

E.g.

Modern health services utilization and associated factors in Dessie city, Amhara regional state, North east Ethiopia, 2008: **A Cross Sectional Study**

- Method: study design (Cross sectional study)



# Acknowledgements

- Those individuals, groups, organizations who put their contribution in your research work should be acknowledged
- You need to acknowledge them by mentioning their **contribution**

E.g. Financial support, material support, provision of constructive idea, facilitating the research process, permitting research work, etc.

# Abbreviations and Acronyms

## Abbreviations

- A shortened form of a word or name that is used in place of the full word or name in your research work

E.g. Amount = amt. WHO= World health organization

## Acronyms

- Type of abbreviation in which the letters are **readable**

E.g.

- AIDS= Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- UNESCO= United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organization