A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO MASTERING RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING

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The online webinar, "Mastering Research Proposal Writing: A Step-by-Step Guide," was conducted on 23 November 2024, specifically for postgraduate students of the Master in Clinical Pharmacy and Master in Pharmacy Practice programs offered at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Puncak Alam. The webinar aimed to guide participants through the essential steps of proposal writing, focusing on key components to help them develop well-structured, compelling, and ethically sound research proposals. This skill is particularly important for these students as they are currently at the proposal writing stage of their academic journey. The event was attended by 38 students.

Highlights of the seminar included:

- Conducting a Literature Review with Dr. Nur Wahida Zulkifli, helping participants understand how to build on existing research.
- Writing a Strong Introduction, presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shubashini Gnanasan, where students learned how to start their proposals effectively.
- Developing a Research Methodology, guided by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Shahezwan Abd Wahab, who shared tips on designing solid research plans.
- Human Ethics Approval in Research, discussed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mahmathi Karuppannan, highlighting the importance of ethics in research and its application processes.

The schedule was well-organised, with each topic covered in a 30-minute session followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers. The students valued the facilitators' straightforward and useful guidance. Feedback from participants highlighted the session's clear and organised content, which made it especially helpful for those new to research proposal writing. Many expressed increased confidences in preparing their own proposals and suggested future topics, such as referencing tools and formatting for research and thesis proposals, to further enhance their learning experience.