

BENEFITS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Advancement of wealth of human knowledge
2. 'Tools of the trade' to carry out research; Provides tools to look at things in life objectively
3. Develops a critical and scientific attitude, disciplined thinking or a 'bent of mind' to observe objectively (scientific deduction & inductive thinking); Skills of research will pay-off in long term particularly in the 'age of information' (or too often of misinformation)
4. Enriches practitioner and his practices; Provides chance to study a subject in depth; Enable us to make intelligent decisions; Understand the material which no other kind of work can match
5. As consumers of research output helps to inculcate the ability to evaluate and use results of earlier research with reasonable confidence and take rational decisions
6. Doing research is the best way to learn to read and think critically

Additional benefits in case of librarianship:

1. Helps to understand the ‘researcher’ as a user of library
2. Helps to learn how to use libraries & other information resources
3. Enables critical evaluation of literature
4. Develops special interests & skills
5. Helps to understand attitude of others
6. Creates awareness of special needs of research process
7. Facilitates reference and information service

Benefits of Research Assignments to Students

1. Good assignments establish outcomes beyond a product to be evaluated
2. Good assignments help students to learn about their audience
3. Good assignments create scenarios that are rich in contextual information
4. Good assignments provide interim readers
5. As with any real project, good assignments give students time and a schedule of interim deadlines