

## **Proposal for Institutional Access to Online Courses on Literature Searching & Reference Management**

### **About the Courses:**

The world believes that Online Searching is “the” easiest way of getting any information. There is an information overload on the World Wide Web today. Most people are confident about searching online. Alarming few actually know how to. It is a matter of concern that students and professionals of health sciences are wasting hours in searching, missing important results and making do with whatever they find. It is also a matter of concern that most are still manually typing citations and bibliography lists in their publications. QMed’s courses teach the principles of online searching, methods of correct searching in specific databases, saving search methods and search results. The courses also teach the use of reference management software. The courses are delivered in partnership with Mediknit, a leading professional medical education organization. The courses are meant for students and professionals of all health science and life-sciences streams. In addition to the course modules, by signing up for this course, you will get mentoring support for one year.

### **Courses Available:**

1. Mastering PubMed: Basics
2. Mastering PubMed: Advanced (will be added shortly)
3. Reference Management with Mendeley (will be added shortly)
4. More to follow

### **Key Features of all courses:**

1. Video lectures
2. Integrated timely knowledge check points (MCQ Assessments)
3. Sequential learning to ensure completion
4. ‘Ask The Expert’ feature to raise a question any time to the faculty
5. One year mentoring support (Through webinars and “Friends of QMed” program)
6. Unlimited access to lectures for 1 year
7. Summative examination (On completion)
8. Certification

### **Course Objectives:**

- Understand the importance of learning to search literature correctly
- Retrieve relevant results, narrow down search results, when there are too many, and broaden them when there are too few
- Save search strategies for future use, and search results in different formats for specific uses
- Create a personal online library of articles, websites, books and more; and cite and reference articles directly from this collection

Detailed curriculum and objectives can be accessed at: <https://qmed.mediknit.org/>

### Course Dissemination Plan:

We suggest provision of access to the course for all students / health professionals in your institution. We also offer certification in collaboration with your institution. With this certification, the acceptance and reach will be higher and will help with the motto of ensuring use of the right searching methods and correct referencing, and minimal time wastage in these activities.

### Course Financials:

The actual cost of access to all courses, per learner is 5000/- INR. However, we have flexible plans for engaging with larger organizations. Every plan is valid for one year from the date of payment.

### Plans and costs:

Plan	Cost per user in Rupees
Plan 1: Organizations with Members/Users more than 1000	Rs. 500
Plan 2: Organizations with Members/Users between 751 & 1000	Rs. 750
Plan 3: Organizations with Members/Users between 501 & 750	Rs. 1000
Plan 4: Organizations with Members/Users between 251 & 500	Rs. 1250
Plan 3: Organizations with Members/Users between 101 & 250	Rs. 1750
Plan 3: Organizations with Members/Users between 51 & 100	Rs. 2500

### Requirements from the Institution

1. The Institution provides its logo for inclusion in the certificate
2. The Institution carries information about the course on its website, for spreading awareness

### Requirements from Participants for Enrolling

1. Filling up our form on <https://qmed.mediknit.org>
2. Uploading a scanned copy of their institutional id