

# Significant of Innovative Transformation in Research in the Higher Education Sector

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## Abstract

The future of academia in Higher Education lies in the continuous search for innovative methods of evaluating students' research proposals. This view underpins the significance of Research Proposal Evaluation Tool (REPRET). This is due to several factors transforming this sector. It is therefore important for the sector to continuously learn new ways of conducting business and introduce innovative methods in its post-graduate research-based teaching.

REPRET is configured as a computer-based innovative tool that assists emerging research supervisors in the management sciences in evaluating students' research proposals effectively. It has built-in functions that provide technical and methodological guides regarding students' proposals. It assists students in improving the quality of their research proposals, the efficiency of research proposal development, as well as throughput. It is a Microsoft Excel-based tool managed by the research supervisor (or promoter), covers various sections of the research proposal and is compatible with quantitative, qualitative and mixed paradigms.

The contribution of REPRET as an innovative tool relies on higher education's ability to adapt to new processes. It represents a revolutionary innovative philosophy in education. REPRET helps the higher educational sector, particularly the management sciences, to achieve competitive advantage and higher performance.

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