

Assessing the Quality of Research Festival in Tabriz University of Medical Sciences from the Teachers' and Students' Perspective, 2013

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Abstract

Background and objectives: Comprehensive development of the world depends on research and its continuous improvement in all fields and creating suitable infrastructure are essential for organizations and society's growth. This study aims to survey the quality of annual research festival in Tabriz University of Medical Sciences.

Material and Methods: This is a cross-sectional study which was done with the participation of faculty members and students. In quantitative section, a researcher-made questionnaire with 18 questions related to research festival criteria was used and its validity and reliability was approved using statistical tests. In qualitative section, the participants responded to questions related to "participating and non participating causes in festival", "the weaknesses and strengths of the festival" and "required interventions for festival improvement". The results were reported as frequency (percentages) for quantitative and theme (with sub-theme) for qualitative section.

Results: The results showed that the quality of festival in some aspects such as "on schedule assessing of the researchers' documents" and "festival time and place" is acceptable, in other aspects such as "clarity of assessing process", "evaluation of festival status" and "festival motivation power" is not acceptable, and in the rest of the aspects, its quality is on average. By regarding the obtained results we can recognize that there is a close relation between quantitative and qualitative results.

Conclusion: The study findings indicated that the quality of the festival was on average and requires interventions for improvement.

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