

## **Why do research editors need special skills?**

An editor writes a report or article. He will do this with the help of the resources available to him. The resources might vary from online websites or news, other publications, or the easiest way from a third party. Taking data from a third party source is a practice very common among the fresh editors or inexperienced writers. The same is generally followed in the media and journalism industry where they have the pressure to meet the deadlines. It is likely that this data is false or does not have any authentic source. Here the starts the role of the research editor.

Research editors or also commonly known as fast checkers are responsible for verifying all the facts in an article, magazine or a book before it goes into printing. They are the people who will check the accuracy of the factual information. If required, they might also add new ideas or concept to the written material after conducting a research. They surely need an eye for detail and investigation. Along with checking the authentication of the data, research editors also needs to have strong communication skills as they are the ones who proof read or check the articles, books, manuscripts written before it gets published. It is the job of the editor to spell check, remove grammatical errors, and to keep a check on punctuation. However, the main job of the research editor is to validate the facts or data provided in the material.

Research editors should have the special skills to conduct the research on the data provided. All the materials needs to be validated by the research editor. If unauthentic or false data is published, the reputation of the publication house is at stake. So research editors also play a role of brand sustainability in the market. It is the responsibility of the research editor to keep updated himself in regards to the new data publications related to statistics. An editor might not be aware of the new statistical data produced as he might just concentrate on writing, it is role of the research editor to update the same. However, it is the responsibility of the research reporter to just validate the data and not critique other aspects of the material. Research reporter will not play a role in deciding the content of the material but will only validate the same with various resources like books, online research reports, and other sources available with him.