

Online Workshop - Academic Writing

This 1-day online workshop addresses PhD students who would like to improve their personal writing skills and gain insight into style and structure conventions of scientific texts.

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Technical requirements: Access to internet, camera, microphone, Zoom

When writing scientific texts, you have to face several challenges such as addressing the target readership, structuring the manuscript in a logical way and writing in a precise and concise style. Therefore the complexity of a scientific writing project can be overwhelming, leading to feelings of disorientation, lack of motivation and enhanced procrastination.

To overcome these obstacles we will address efficient planning and writing strategies, techniques for adequate application of scientific style and structure conventions, and efficient revision and feedback strategies. Besides theoretical input on writing topics, you will have plenty of opportunity to work with sample texts and to get feedback from co-participants. In addition, we will develop individual strategies to avoid writer's block and to optimize the writing process.

Content

- Planning of scientific texts.
- Optimizing the writing process and overcoming writer's block.
- Revision of scientific texts.
- Scientific style conventions.
- Efficient feedback strategies.

After completing the workshop, you

- are aware of the impact of the research question(s) on scientific manuscripts.
- know strategies for specifying your research question(s) and how to structure your results accordingly.
- are able to identify scientific style and structure elements in papers and know strategies to apply them to your own texts.
- know how to improve your individual writing strategies and to avoid writer's block.