

Scientific Writing

Writing can be a painful process, especially if nothing less than your academic career depends on the text to be written.

All academic writing is about more than just your research findings. Besides the content, every author has at least two other aspects to deal with. First, language. Of course you want to write in a clear and concise manner. However, the sentences you produce sound awkward and clumsy. Your mind is filled with great ideas, but whenever you write something down, it is a world away from the perfectly crafted language in the articles of the journals you read. Second, the process. Whenever you sit down to actually write something, you get a rising feeling of panic. The amount of work to be done seems so overwhelming that you switch to another task like sorting your books by colour.

In this 1,5-day workshop, we will discuss what characterizes academic writing in your discipline and what constitutes good style. You will find out how to continuously improve your writing skills and how to organize your writing process. We will talk about writing, reflect on our own writing habits, share successful strategies with each other and work with our own and others' texts.

Workshop topics:

- Writing types and writing strategies
- Characteristics of academic language
- The elements of good style
- Overcoming difficulties in the writing process
- Giving and receiving text feedback

Requirements: ability to communicate quite fluently in English

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