

Workshop: scientific writing

Goal: You can write manuscripts systematically following a clear workflow.

Writing is a craft. Like any craft, it has its own tools and techniques. Knowing these tools and applying them consciously can help you make your writing process more efficient and overcome obstacles such as the common writer's block.

This workshop strongly emphasizes the “**one point per paper**” idea, and gives you a clear step-by-step recipe that you can use to write a thesis, paper manuscript, or grant application.

The writing workshop can be held as a one-day or two-day event with the tentative schedules below.

Day One:

time	topic
9:00	Writing starts now! Warm-up exercise.
9:30	One simple message Find and formulate your main point. Key questions your text must answer.
11:00	The top-down approach Using a step-by-step recipe Expand your idea into a manuscript.
12:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00	Filling the white pages Techniques for creating substance, e.g. brainstorming, structuring ideas, writing punchlines etc.
15:00	Overcoming writer's block What you can do to get yourself to write.
16:30	Summary & feedback

Day Two:

time	topic
9:00	Bottom-up Warm-up exercise.
9:30	Speaking through pictures Supporting your main point by a visual message. Creating print-quality figures.
10:30	Writing in English Scientific precision through rigorous vocabulary. Useful linking phrases Bad words
12:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00	Components of your manuscript The research hypothesis. The introduction. The results section.
14:30	Reviewing and getting reviewed Collect early feedback. Make the reviewers job easy.
16:30	Summary & feedback