

Research Writing in the Sciences

for postgraduate students in science, engineering and health sciences

Do you want to

- Increase your confidence in writing in the sciences?
- Broaden your skills in navigating the scientific literature?
- Understand the academic publishing process?
- Know more about communicating science to various audiences?

Then sign up for the next short course* running from

23 July – 17 August 2018

* non-credit bearing UCT short course

About:

Research Writing in the Sciences is an opportunity to engage in different forms of scientific reading and writing. The core focus of the course will include writing for journal publication, peer review and engaging, through writing, with a public audience. Thesis writing is thus not the focus of this course.

The course is based on blended learning: the four weeks of interactive online learning is interspersed with three compulsory mornings of workshops and three voluntary writing-together afternoons. There will be a substantial online component around the contact sessions.

Who is eligible?

Senior postgraduate students (M and PhD) in Science, Health Science and Engineering. You will gain most from *Research Writing in the Sciences* if you are beyond the proposal stage of your research.

What is expected of you?

Your engagement will be reflected in participation in the contact sessions, online peer-review tasks and three goal-related assignments.

The three assignments are

- writing a polished abstract
- writing a journal article introduction
- writing a popular science article

Assessment:

The purpose of the assignments is to give you the opportunity to practice science writing and to get feedback from peers and academics. Being developmentally focused and including students at various levels of postgraduate study, the assessment will focus on offering guidance for further improvement rather than measuring your assignments against a pre-determined standard.

The assignments will form a foundation from which you can build your research portfolio and disseminate your research in future.

Who is involved?

The course is facilitated and presented by academic staff in CHED's Language Development Group. Guest speakers from the Science, EBE and Health Science Faculties will contribute to some of the sessions. UCT libraries and the Writing Centre are also involved.

Cost:

Supported by CHED-generated funding, *Research Writing in the Sciences* is offered at a minimal cost of R300 per student. You are encouraged to approach your department / supervisor to sponsor your attendance.

How to apply:

Please follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/qIsqrKl6fuSawoBq2> to submit the online application form. **Deadline for application is 29 June 2018.** Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis, for students who are eligible. You will be notified by 10 July if you have a place on the course. There will be online work from 23 July and the first contact session is on 30 July. For enquiries email mathilde.vandermerwe@uct.ac.za

When and where?

Online (through Vula): 23 July - 17 Aug 2018

Workshop mornings:	Writing afternoons:
30 July (9:00–13:30)	1 Aug (13:00 - 16:00)
6 Aug (9:00–13:30)	8 Aug (13:00–16:00)
13 Aug (9:00–13:00)	15 Aug (13:00–16:00)

Hoerikwaggo building, CHED Boardroom, 6th floor