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Scientific writing: publications, theses and grants

Topic area:	Science communication
Format:	Online or in-house workshop
Workload:	Online: 4 x 2.5 h-webinars plus self-paced work on our learning platform; in-house: 2 workshop days
Trainer:	Karin Bodewits or Philipp Gramlich
Target group:	PhD students and postdocs



Learn to write convincing scientific publications, theses, and grant proposals – and develop skills that will benefit you throughout your career.

You may have spent months generating fascinating results. But how do you turn them into a compelling publication or a coherent thesis? Scientific writing is about more than presenting data. You need to build a convincing argument, guide readers through complex ideas, and explain why your research matters.

The same principles apply when writing grant proposals, and you don't need to be a professor to start! Applying for smaller research, travel, or scholarship grants during your PhD is an excellent way to practise persuasive writing, gain experience with funding applications, and gradually build your scientific independence (see this **article**).

In this interactive workshop, you'll explore how to structure scientific texts, write for different audiences and overcome common writing challenges. Whether you're preparing a manuscript, tackling your thesis, or applying for funding, you'll develop writing skills valuable in academia and beyond.

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In this course, you'll learn about:

Different texts, different purposes

- Writing scientific publications and theses
- Developing grant proposals for research, scholarships, and travel
- Understanding the expectations of different readers

The scientific writing process

- Structuring complex ideas into a clear, convincing argument
- Explaining your research and its significance
- Overcoming writer's block and developing effective writing routines

Writing for your target audience

- Choosing suitable journals and funding opportunities
- Understanding what reviewers and readers look for
- Adapting your structure, language, and arguments to the context

A grant proposal is more than a research outline: Self-presentation skills

- Presenting your expertise in short CVs and motivation letters
- Pitching your project to funding bodies