
Early Career Researcher Support Programme

Basic Skills and Methods Course

How to publish in peer-reviewed journals

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Objectives

This 3-day course supports academic authors in preparing and writing a paper for an international peer-reviewed journal. Participants learn step-by-step all relevant stages in the preparation, writing, submission and peer-review process.

The course includes about 25 individual and group exercises, where participants can draft the main manuscript sections or have the possibility to improve their own manuscript drafts during the course. They also receive structured feedback from the other participants and the instructor.

Topics

1. Defining paper topic, target audience, journal and authors
2. Journal metrics
3. Setting up a work and time plan for a paper
4. Methods of effective academic writing
5. Paper objective and structure
6. Detailed guidance on writing all relevant paper sections (Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, References, Figures & Tables, Acknowledgments, Appendix)
7. Successful self-editing of the paper
8. Collegial feedback and proofreading
9. Formal requirements of journals
10. Paper submission
11. Understanding the peer-review process
12. Role of editor, reviewer and publisher
13. Assessment criteria in peer-review
14. Revision process and communication with reviewers and editor
15. Publishing ethics
16. Avoiding most common mistakes
17. Identification of reasons for rejection of papers

Methods

The course includes a combination of lectures, exercises, and questions and discussion rounds. The course offers ample room for addressing individual questions on the various aspects of the course topic.

See also <https://tressacademic.com/learn-with-us/publish/how-to-publish-in-peer-reviewed-journals/>

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Format

The course will be given online via Zoom. Participants need a laptop or desktop computer incl. video conferencing tools (webcam, speaker/headphone) and a good internet connection.

Schedule

2+3 September 2020: 09.00 – 17.00

4 September 2020: 08.30 – 15.30

All three days include four online sessions.

Target group

Researchers who

- are currently working on a paper,
- are in the process of preparing a paper,
- are revising a paper or
- had a paper rejected

Preparation before the course

In order to determine the specific training needs of the participants, a short **online survey** will be run about four to six weeks before the course. In this survey, you can express your course-related questions, mention problems or suggest topics you would like to discuss during the course.

Secondly, the participants are expected to prepare a short **paper exposé** as an outline for a future or ongoing paper prior to the course. It consists of a preliminary paper title, objective, literature review and references. The exposé will be used as a stepping stone to work on one research paper on the course. Instructions for preparing the paper exposé will be provided four to six weeks prior to the course.

Registration

To register for this course, please visit the course webpage:

<https://www.marum.de/en/education-career/2020-09-02.html>

Please note that your registration will be binding.

The registration deadline for this course is **14 July 2020**.

Any enquiries regarding the course should be addressed to early-career@marum.de.