

Academic Writing For International Journals

an online seminar for researchers seeking to publish in English

Overview

In this online seminar, participants learn to recognize the norms of English academic writing, especially as they contrast with those of German academic writing. Participants are led through a detailed analysis of the Research Article (RA) genre, gaining an understanding of its component rhetorical moves and seeing examples of language choices available to realize those moves. Attention is given to the subtleties of academic discourse when positioning claims. Finally, participants receive guidelines to help them develop a publishing strategy, together with a detailed checklist of do's and don'ts compiled from leading journal editors.

Seminar Agenda

Each session described below runs 90 minutes. Sessions 1-3 are held on one day and sessions 4-6 on the following day. Available dates are listed below.

Session 1 The Culture of Academic Discourse in English

The scholarly journal culture, expectations of English readers, the prominent values that shape top-level publishing, the A.P.P.L.E. framework, practices of good writers.

Session 2 The Basics of Manuscript Writing

Information ordering and narrative flow, fixing narrative flow problems, avoiding excessive nominalizations, the pyramid principle of paragraph organization.

Session 3 The Research Article Genre, Part I

The IMRD hourglass, moves in research articles, writing introductions and methods.

Session 4 The Research Article Genre, Part II

Writing results, conclusions, discussions, and abstracts.

Session 5 The Research Article Genre, Part III

Subtleties of academic discourse, use of verb tense in making claims, establishing authorial persona.

Session 6 Publishing Your Research

Telling a good story, finding a good audience, working with editors and referees.

Seminar Fee

The fee for the seminar is 1500 €.