

RPFC-AuthorAID Research Writing Support Programme:

Writing Club

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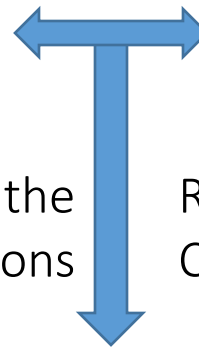
MAIN AIM



The International Network for the
Availability of Scientific Publications



Research Promotion and Facilitation
Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Colombo



Increase in
research
publications

capacity building
in research communication



**Help you get that research paper
published ASAP!**

By taking this Programme Mentees will:

- Improve scientific writing skills
- Gain knowledge on the publication process and research ethics
- Provide constructive feedback to peers on research writing
- Submit a research paper to a peer reviewed journal or have a solid draft to finalise
- Built a robust social and research network with mentees and mentors

- **What else is in for you?**
- Digital badge from RPFC-AuthorAid /INASP for **successful completion of online course and the entire programme.**
- Participants who will have a paper ready for submission will receive a free coupon (worth of \$250) for getting your manuscript copyedited from American Journal Experts!

What is in it for the Mentors?

- A certificate from RPFC-AuthorAid /INASP recognising you as a **Research Mentor** following successful completion of the Programme
- A free coupon (worth of \$250) to get one of your manuscripts copyedited from “American Journal experts”
- You will advance your own research writing skills by being part of a mentor community
- You will gain or improve mentoring skills
- Contributed to the development of research writing skills of your mentees
- Contribute to build a robust social and research network in the Faculty of Medicine, Colombo.
- Most importantly, personal satisfaction of having contributed to the development of research capacity in Sri Lanka

The close collaboration between groups of mentees guided by mentors

The key element of the Programme

The Writing Club

Participants divided into small groups (5-6 mentees)

Each group: 3-4 mentors

One Senior mentor

Groups will meet at regular intervals

with the aim of completing the research paper
and submitting for publication

Duties & Responsibilities of Mentors

- **Provide motivation**
- Provide advice / guidance on:
 - Identify the focus of the paper
 - Writing style
 - Structure of the paper
 - How to choose an appropriate journal
 - Identify & use of model paper
 - The peer review process and responding to referees' comments
 - **Planning the time line**
 - How to find resources related to writing and publishing
- Provide constructive criticism
- Give monthly targets (individual)
- Review outcomes / Monitor progress

Its NOT the mentors job to....

- Conduct scientific assessment
- Ensure accuracy of data analysis
- Ensure accuracy of results / interpretation



Authors in the research papers take
responsibility for the above

Mentors are NOT authors in the research
papers

You are all encouraged to join online discussions; one mentor be responsible for supporting online activities

That is to

- initiate the **Writing team forum** by summarizing targets for the month
- reply to queries by mentees and act as a link to other mentors (where necessary)
- ask mentees to send updates on their progress on a weekly basis
- send reminders about deadlines for submitting the targets and passing them on to the other mentors

Mentors who are new to the online platform will be trained on how to use it to support their research writing team

Duties & responsibilities of Mentees

- Keep writing... be committed



- Help each other in the group... peers are a great resource!
 - Peer review each other's writing
 - Motivate each other

Duties & responsibilities of Mentees

Contd.

- Be open to criticism
- Appreciate the mentors
 - Be aware of what to and what NOT to expect
Mentors give guidance and advice only
 - Getting the paper published is *your responsibility*
- Acknowledge the mentors in your paper (where applicable)

PRAISE
MAKES YOU
FEEL GOOD
CRITIQUE
MAKES YOU
BETTER

Duties & responsibilities of Mentees

Contd.

- Keep your supervisors informed of your activities in the writing club
- Report your progress to the RPFC – even after the course is over!
 - Submission of article
 - Publication of article

Some of our past writing clubs...



Writing club - Time line

Start	2	3	Final
13 October 2016	21 November 2016	19 December 2016	16 January 2017
Online course			



Frequent meetings/forum discussions

OUR TEAM and MENTORS

- Prof. Nadira Karunaweera (Person in Charge)
- Dr. Dilshani Dissanayake (Programme Lead)
- Dr. Tharanga Thoradeniya (Writing Club coordinator)
- Dr. Sharmila Jayasena (Support Coordinator - Writing clubs)
- Dr. Shreenika Weliange (Lead Programme facilitator - Online programme)
- Dr. Asela Olupeliyawa (Support Programme facilitator - Online programme)

Supporting staff: Dr Ishan

Research assistants – Dept. of Physiology

WE HOPE THAT THE WRITING CLUB

Will create a good learning situation

So that you all will

- be highly motivated
- be highly committed
- and actively write!

...hope this will be quite enjoyable too!!!

RPFC works towards a culture that facilitates personal and intellectual growth, and mutual respect...!

THANK YOU !

