

Embedding communication skills for young scientists at Thai Nguyen University - Vietnam

Introduction

Thai Nguyen University (TNU) is an educational community of learned scholars, professionals, friends, and students. It's a regional university of the Northern Mountainous Vietnam. Thai Nguyen University offers 109 graduate and 77 post graduate programs in which 30 doctoral programs.

In the context of global integration, TNU has been seeking for international recognition via International collaboration and faculty staffs capacity building.

Training Activities

- Three communication training workshops in different subjects will be conducted at Thai Nguyen University.
- The trainings are mainly blended workshops through e-learning materials such as reading and writing assignments.

Objectives

- To increase faculty staff ability to improve their research communication skills including: writing, reviewing, oral presentation.
- To increase faculty staff ability to improve their writing scientific paper publishable in scientific journals with more address on English writing skills.
- To increase knowledge of academic publication process, and improve skill on using of assistant citation software (e.g. Endnote).
- For human development:
 - At least 10% of the trainees are from ethnic minority groups
 - At least 35% of the trainees are female

Training Outcomes

- 20 trainers were trained for the training activities.
- Expectation: Increasing number of international publications from 10% to 15% annually.



Key lessons learnt

University policymakers should be informed. Plan well in advance with good availability of human and infrastructure resources.

Future Plans

- Training of the trainers program will be developed and employed.
- Set up a dedicated internet networks for e-learning of research communication skills.
- Integration of communication skills training in educational curricula at all levels of training programs in TNU.
- Extension of the training program to other universities in North west Vietnam.

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