

# AuthorAID Online Course in Research Writing

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## Introduction

This free online course is offered regularly to researchers in developing countries. The course is spread over 5 weeks and taught on [AuthorAID Moodle](#). At least one facilitator is present in the course, who takes responsibility for answering learners' questions on the discussion forum, supporting learners facing difficulties, and evaluating learners' work.

Learners are selected for each course following a competitive application process. Calls for applications are announced on the [AuthorAID blog](#). Following selection and enrollment, learners are asked to devote 4 to 6 hours per week on the course. Course completion certificates are issued by AuthorAID to learners who complete the lessons and activities.

## Outline of the course

- Week 1
  - Lesson 1: Approaching a writing project
  - Lesson 2: Publishing a paper in a journal
  - Lesson 3: Authorship
    - Activity 1 (quiz): Reading instructions to authors
  
- Week 2
  - Lesson 4: Tables and figures
    - Activity 2 (peer assessment): Design a table or figure
  - Lesson 5: Citations and references
    - Activity 3 (knowledge sharing): Making sense of past research
  
- Week 3
  - Lesson 6: Abstract
    - Activity 4 (tutor assessment): Write an abstract
  - Lesson 7: Introduction
  
- Week 4
  - Lesson 8: Methods
  - Lesson 9: Results
  - Lesson 10: Discussion
    - Activity 5 (peer assessment): Write a section of your paper
  
- Week 5
  - Lesson 11: Title
    - Activity 6 (informal assessment): Draft a title
  - Course feedback and wrap-up

A discussion forum remains open throughout the course for learners to ask questions and interact with others.

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