

Manuscript Writing Course for Postdocs and Research Scientists



Course description: This is an intensive writing course that teaches authors of science and engineering in STEM fields essential writing principles and skills with which they can improve the clarity, coherence and readability of their research story.

Full engagement and commitment: This writing course is rigorous, so we ask PIs to nominate either *one* postdoc or *one* research scientist from their group per term. Also vital is attendance, so check your schedule to see whether you will be able to attend the course fully. The course schedules are posted on the [Event](#) page of the postdoctoral support website.

Instructor: Our instructor has taught and designed courses for academic, scientific, and business communications in English to graduate students, postdocs and business professionals at several countries (e.g., San Francisco State University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Tokyo, Keio University, Samsung Electronics, Samsung Semiconductor, to name a few.) for over 15 years. Her goal is to equip our authors of research with key writing principles and skills so that they can adopt more effective style of research writing, characterized as concise, coherent, and reader-friendly.

Participants: Postdocs and Research scientists (R3 only) at KAUST

The requirements are not draconian, but *the most optimal participants* *would meet the following criteria:*

- currently writing a paper for publication on research conducted at KAUST *as the first author*;
- *serious and ambitious* about improving writing skills; this requires commitment and engagement;
- has *good command of academic reading and grammar*—this course focuses on learning the principles and the best practices of effective writing.

Note: If your grammar and reading skill is rather on the weaker side, this course could be a bit challenging because its focus is on writing not on grammar itself. Those who wish to focus on grammar must attend the instructor's workshop series, separate from this course.

Course length: the course runs two sections covering the same course materials.

- 14 meetings: 90 minute per session for 7 weeks from 9:00 am to 10:30 am
- Section 1: Sundays/Tuesdays
- Section 2: Mondays/Wednesdays

Attendance: *Please note that we have a strict attendance policy; to benefit from the course, it is important that you attend the all sessions. If you already have any scheduled travel, including conference attendance during the seven-week session, please consider taking the course at other times.*

If you have further questions, please contact *Lina Mynar* at lina.mynar@kaust.edu.sa