

2011–2012 ALRC Research Writing Workshop explanation
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What?: Research Writing Workshop in 2 parts

Part I: Nine 75-minute lectures (in English) on the research writing process on 12 & 13 December.

Part II: Writing a research paper with feedback.

Part II prerequisites:

1. Have already taken Part I
2. Write an acceptable draft manuscript title (≤ 60 characters) and abstract (≤ 250 words)
3. After approval of the draft title and abstract, write a detailed outline

When?:

Part I: Intensive workshop **12** (09:00 to 17:15) **and 13 December 2011** (9:15 to 16:00)

Part II: A draft title and short abstract from each applicant due 5 December 2011 (early submission encouraged). For accepted participants, manuscript sections will be due progressively in late December and January and full manuscripts will be due in early to mid-February. Coaching about the writing process by email. One-to-one consultations with Rick about corrected manuscripts at ALRC on **29 February and 1 March 2012**.

Who?: Interested ALRC researchers and graduate students. Repeat participants welcome, but the workshop will be similar to those presented in previous years. Part I participation limited only by room size. Part II participation limited to those who meet the prerequisites stated above

Why?: To improve your research writing skills

Part I homework: Readings from textbook (provided, but when signing up, please inform Tsubaki san of whether you want the English or Nihongo version) and handouts.

What kind of research paper is suitable for the writing assignments?

Best: writing up your own data into a research paper for submission to a journal.

Acceptable: writing up an existing, already published, or made up data set into a fake research paper (useful as an exercise, but unsuitable for publication).

Syllabus for Part I of ALRC 2011–2012 Research Writing Workshop

Monday 12 December

9:00-10:15	Logical writing, Organization, IMRAD
10:30-11:45	Planning, Instructions to Authors, Titles
13:00-14:15	Articles (a/the), subject/verb agreement, tense, passive/active voice, person
14:30-15:45	Materials & Methods; References & Citations
16:00-17:15	Results, Visuals

Tuesday 13 December

9:15-10:30	Discussion
10:45-12:00	Sentence and paragraph coherence and readability
13:15-14:30	Introduction, Abstract
14:45-16:00	Authorship, Publication ethics, Capitalization, Problems for non-native writers of English, Q&A