

2014–2015 ALRC Research Writing Workshop explanation

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What?: Research Writing Workshop in 2 parts

Part I: Ten 75-minute lectures (in English) on the research writing process on 28–30 October.

Part II: Writing a research paper with feedback

(coaching by email with one-on-one consultations on 28 or 29 January 2015).

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 **28** (13:00 to 17:15), **29** (9:15 to 16:00) and **30 Oct.** (9:00 to 14:15)

Part II: A draft title and short abstract from each applicant due 31 October 2014 (early submission encouraged). For accepted participants, manuscript sections will be due progressively starting in mid-November and full manuscripts will be due in early January. Coaching about the writing process by email. One-on-one consultations with Rick about corrected manuscripts at ALRC on **28 and 29 January 2015**.

Who?: Interested ALRC and Faculty of Agriculture 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 handouts and a textbook (provided, but when signing up, please inform workshop coordinator Okamura san of whether you want the printed English or Nihongo version).

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 2014–2015 Research Writing Workshop

Tuesday 28 October

13:00–14:15	Logical writing, Organization, IMRAD
14:30–15:45	Planning, Instructions to Authors, Titles
16:00–17:15	Articles (a/the), Grammatical agreement, Voice/person/tense, Reader expectations

Wednesday 29 October

9:15–10:30	Materials & Methods; References & Citations
10:45–12:00	Results, Visuals
13:15–14:30	Discussion
14:45–16:00	Sentence and paragraph coherence and readability

Thursday 30 October

9:00–10:15	Introduction, Abstract
10:30–11:45	Authorship, Publication ethics, Capitalization, Problems for non-native writers of English
13:00–14:15	Working with editors, Submission process, Dealing with peer review, Appeals, Q&A