

Nature Scientific Writing and Publishing Workshop

November 16-18, 2021 (online)

For faculty members and researchers aiming to publish papers in top journals, we will hold a workshop “Nature Masterclasses” hosted by Nature editors to learn how to make the most of the scientific writing process. In this workshop, two instructors will explain effective writing methods, what it takes to get published in top journals, points of peer review, etc. with questions and answers. The workshop will be held online for 3 days. In addition to webinars on the 1st and 3rd days, on the 2nd day the editor will review each participant's abstract and provide advice individually.

Program

Nov 16 (Tue) 17:00 - 19:30

Webinar 1: Focus on Scientific Writing

- What Makes a Great Paper?
- Titles and Abstracts

Nov 17 (Wed) 17:00 - 19:30 (ca. 8 min/person)

Abstract Review

*Specific time for each attendee will be notified in advance.

Nov 18 (Thu) 17:00 - 19:30

Webinar 2: Focus on Scientific Publishing

- The Editorial Process and Peer Review
- Journal Decisions

Editors



Sadaf Shadan

Senior Editor, Biology (cell biology & plant biology), Nature



Johannes Kreutzer

Senior Editor, Bio- and Organic Chemistry Team, Nature Communications

Eligibility & Application

Eligibility

- NAIST faculty members (including specially appointed) and postdoctoral researchers
- Those who can participate all of the 3 sessions
- Those who can submit an abstract (about 200 words; draft is acceptable) of an unpublished paper by Nov 10

Max. number of participants: 30 researchers

- ❖ In case that there are more than 30 applicants, participants will be selected based on applicants' reasons for participation, etc.

Application deadline: Oct 25 (Mon)

How to apply:

Please send an email with your name, division, job position and reason for participation to: Takahito Shikano, Division for Research Strategy
tshikano@rsc.naist.jp

About the workshop

Webinars:

The webinars comprise theoretical modules and practical exercises, followed by Q&A sessions that provide you with an opportunity to ask editors your questions directly.

Abstract Review:

Attendees will submit an unpublished abstract of around 200 words and attend an individual Abstract Review session with an editor. During the session, the editor will provide personalized advice on how to structure your abstract and improve your scientific writing. Your session will last about 8 minutes and will take place at a fixed time during a 2.5-hour pre-scheduled slot.

About the editors

Sadaf Shadan

Senior Editor, Biology (cell biology & plant biology), Nature

Sadaf Shadan completed her BSc, King's College London, and her PhD in cholesterol dynamics in cell membranes at University of Cambridge. She later carried out postdoctoral work on functional analysis of lipid-transfer proteins at University College London. As a Senior Editor for Biology at Nature, her areas of responsibility include: cell biology and plant biology.

Johannes Kreutzer

Senior Editor, Bio- and Organic Chemistry Team, Nature Communications

Johannes joined Nature Communications in September 2017 as an Associate Editor. With a PhD in materials chemistry and a background in photopolymerization, he handles manuscripts on chemical soft matter and advanced organic functional materials. Johannes is based in the London office.