The Bioplicity Scientific Writing Workshop is a great addition to any graduate training program. The workshop participants learn skills needed to organize, structure, and write effective research papers and grants. The workshop starts with a discussion of some basic principles of clear and concise writing and then dives into specific issues in scientific writing. Key topics include tense choice, scientific sentence structure, and how to avoid wordiness. We also discuss approaches for ensuring smooth flow and overall elegance in writing.

This workshop is perfect for early-stage researchers with little or no paper writing experience. Non-native English speakers will find the workshop especially valuable.

Workshop contents:

— Preparing to write
— Structuring a research paper
— Using common scientific sentence structures
— Writing with conciseness and precision
— Maintaining flow via strong transitions
— Emphasizing the most important content
— Using proper punctuation
— Writing in British or American English
— Building self-editing skills

At the end of the workshop, the participants will be able to...

— Effectively organize, structure, and write papers
— Write more elegant and concise text
— Emphasize key information and reinforce impact
— Identify and correct common writing issues
Trainer Profile

Dr. Ashley Williams is a scientific language editor and soft skills instructor. He completed his Ph.D. in microbiology and genetics at Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA). He then continued with post-doctoral research at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA, USA) and the University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA, USA).

In 2012, he relocated to Germany where he worked as a senior scientist at the University of Cologne for nearly eight years. His time working in this extremely multinational environment gave him a profound understanding of the language challenges faced by non-native English-speaking scientists. Drawing on these experiences, he has created workshops and seminars designed to teach and fortify these important skills.

Dr. Williams currently resides in Austin, Texas (USA).

Workshop Training Approach

The workshop is a highly interactive experience that avoids the feel of an academic lecture. To maximize individual learning and retention, the workshop incorporates material provided by the participants and concludes with a case study that allows the participants to apply what they have learned.

The participants receive a bound script that contains all of the contents of the workshop and a copy of The Elements of Style by Strunk and White.

Each workshop is customized to meet the specific needs of the client and audience; however, the group size is always limited to twelve participants. Depending on the goals, the workshop lasts between one and a half and three days.

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