

# The Scientific Writing Workshop

An intensive programme over two full days for advanced PhD graduates. The workshop teaches the skills for producing high quality papers suitable for the world's top journals and incorporates writing practice with individual feedback.

**March 19-20, 2025**

**9:00-17:00 h**

## Facilitators

Justin Mullins and Mark Buchanan, Write about Science, London

## Overview

This programme will involve each participant in the writing and correcting of her/his own paper, identifying the strengths and weaknesses in another participant's paper, practising group writing and editing, and proposal writing.

## Tasks to be completed prior to the course:

By **January 31**, each student will submit by email to SGBM administration a journal paper as follows:

1. Only **ONE** Word document should be submitted (paper including illustrations)
2. The paper should describe an element of her/his own doctoral work in the style of a journal of your own choice.
3. It should be a maximum length of 6 single sides of a page *or* 3500 words *or* 20 000 characters (not counting spaces), whichever is the smaller, not including the Abstract or the List of References.  
The number of words or characters and/or the page length should be cited at the end of the paper.
4. Font should be a minimum of 11 point Times Roman, with single spacing.
5. No appendices or supplementary information should be included.
6. No more than 3 illustrations (this includes charts, photographs, tables).

The sections to be written up are: **Title and Running Title; Authors and affiliations; Abstract** of no more than 300 words; **Keywords; Introduction; Methods; Results; Discussion; List of References.**

## Two weeks before the course:

Each participant will receive from the SGBM administration a paper written by another participant in the programme.

## To prepare for Day 1:

Each participant will identify the strengths and weakness of the paper she/he has been given and prepare a five-minute presentation outlining them. The presentation will include a short summary of the paper and its results. Students should bring this presentation to the workshop as a pdf.