

NRSN Workshop: Scientific Writing

27-29 April 2015 at [Quality Hotel Expo](#), Fornebu, Oslo

Highlights:

- **Three days intensive course tailored for neuroscience**
- **Work on your own manuscript during the course**
- **All expenses (travel, hotel, diet, and course fee) covered by NRSN**
- **Limited capacity – 20 seats – register now!**

[REGISTER HERE](#). Deadline: 16 March 2015.

[The Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience \(NRSN\)](#) invites all members to register for a three day workshop on scientific writing, tailor-made for PhD candidates in neuroscience. The workshop will be led by Dr Daniel Soule, who is an experienced academic writing trainer, and aims to provide structure, advice and motivation through writing a paper for publication. The exercises will focus specifically on writing for neuroscience and medical journals, and participants are expected to work on their own papers. There will be a balance between plenary sessions, group discussions, individual writing time and one-to-one work with an experienced academic editor. After the workshop, participants can continue to work on their manuscripts and send their draft to Daniel Soule for direct editorial feedback.

Topics:

- Planning and editing
- Understanding the writing process
- Breaking down the structure of papers to generate writing goals
- Techniques for being an effective writer
- Understanding the stylistic demands of neuroscience and medical journals

Learning outcomes: By the end of the course, participants should be well on the way to producing a draft of their research paper. In addition, they will learn more about the writing and publication process.

Required materials: Participants need to bring a manuscript draft or any other material, such as literature searches or data analysis, which they can draw on through the workshop, and a laptop. Participants must also bring a copy of an article from the journal they wish to submit their paper to. A comprehensive workbook and a 'Guide to Academic Punctuation' will be handed out during the workshop.

Practical arrangements: All participants travelling to Oslo will have their travel and hotel accommodation costs covered by NRSN. NRSN will also cover the course fee, and all meals for the duration of the program. To stimulate networking, those living in Oslo are also welcome to stay at the hotel, at our cost. Membership in NRSN is a precondition for participation, but you may [sign up for the workshop](#) and [register as a member of NRSN](#) at the same time.

Questions? Please contact NRSN coordinator Hanne Lehn: hanne.lehn@ntnu.no.

Workshop Schedule

Monday 27 April

- 10:00 - 11:30 Workshop: The writing process, procrastination and productivity, planning and writing goals. Factoring in the publication process.
- 11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45 - 13:00 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop: Introductions, conclusions and the importance of titles and how to write them
- 15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break with snack
- 15:15 - 16:30 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 16:30 - 19:00 Free time
- 19:00 Dinner

Tuesday 28 April

- 10:00 - 11:30 Workshop: Some amazing stuff on paragraphs and how to use them to transform your writing.
- 11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45 - 13:00 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop: Mastering jargon and developing your style
- 15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break with snack
- 15:15 - 16:30 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 16:30 - 19:00 Free time
- 19:00 Dinner

Wednesday 29 April

- 10:00 - 11:30 Workshop: Refining your abstracts
- 11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45 - 13:00 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop: Drafting, editing and proofreading – a process for producing a polished draft.
- 15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break with snack
- 15:15 - 16:00 Writing time: Time to work on your paper and work with an editor on problem areas
- 16:00 - 16:30 Closing remarks. Refreshments and snacks
- 16:30 Departure