**Drop and give me 20,000 words!**

* Are you a late-stage PhD student struggling with the writing-up battle?
* Do you put off writing tasks until ‘tomorrow’?
* Are you finding it tough ‘going it alone’?

We have just what you need – Thesis Boot Camp! Dedicated solely to getting words down on paper (or a computer screen), we’ll help you get over that final hurdle, or to kick-start your writing progress if it has stalled.

Sign up to join other graduate researchers in a no-excuses, no-time-for-procrastination, take-no-prisoners intensive writing weekend. Thesis Boot Camp recruits will learn how to battle through third-year blues, address writer’s block and overcome thesis fatigue to achieve significant progress on their manuscript.

Introductory sessions will include motivational talks, goal setting and strategies for writing quickly and well. Support staff will be on hand and catering will be provided to ensure an encouraging, distraction-free environment, for those that wish to participate in person. Due to the recent virus situation there is also an opportunity for those who wish to attend on-line. All attendees will be required to complete pre-program planning activities and to commit to their own tangible aims for the boot camp, such as completing a thesis chapter draft or similar.

Are you up for the challenge?

**More about Thesis Boot Camp**

There are many ‘boot camp’ style writing programs at universities around the world, though the award-winning Thesis Boot Camp — designed and developed by Dr Peta Freestone in 2012— has proved a winning formula for more than a thousand graduate researchers in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and the UK.

You can find out what others have said over at [www.thesisbootcamp.com](http://www.thesisbootcamp.com)

Now LingPhil is bringing a Thesis Boot Camp to the University of Bergen, with programme creator Dr Peta Freestone to facilitate the event.

**Who can attend Thesis Boot Camp?**

Thesis Boot Camp is a free event provided for LingPhil members. You are an eligible Thesis Boot Camp recruit if you are:

* A research student and a LingPhil member
* In the final stages of completing your research degree and are ready to ‘write up’. The ultimate aim of Thesis Boot Camp is to write 20,000 words of first draft material. It is ***not*** for editing, revising, preparing presentations or grant applications etc. In other words, you must be able to identify the particular chapter or chapter(s) of your thesis that you will specifically work on as part of your Thesis Boot Camp goal.
* Able to clearly identify how you would benefit from an intensive weekend of drafting a particular section of your thesis.
* Willing and available to attend ***all*** sessions and to commit to the ethos of dedicated writing required at Thesis Boot Camp.

The event is limited to 35 participants and we may receive more applications than there are available places. Please note that due to this, we cannot guarantee participation for all eligible applicants. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis for suitable registrations.

**Dates and times**

The Thesis Boot Camp will take place take place from September 21st to September 23rd.

All sessions will take place at the Hotel Terminus in Bergen. However, you are also allowed to follow the sessions on-line from home if this is preferable for you. The program outline is as follows:

* From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. all three days

**Applying**

Applications **are open now and close on August 21st.**