Research Development and Support (Tygerberg)

Article Writing Workshop

Workshop Outline

Sharing your work, and particularly your research, with the academic community is a core activity for any academic. Dissemination through publication is key to this process. In this workshop we look at various aspects of how to go about writing an article for publication.

Duration – One full day

Application
Please consult our website (www.sun.ac.za/RDStraining) to apply online as soon as the application process opens *(usually 4 weeks prior to the event)*.

Venue – Tygerberg campus

Purpose
- Provide an overview of current trends in academic publishing, particularly in the health sciences
- Discuss how to go about journal selection, specific journal requirements and issues around authorship and collaborative writing
- Consider different approaches to the writing and structuring of academic articles

Target Audience
- FMHS researchers with limited experience of publishing, typically writing their first or second paper who wish to disseminate their work through the publication of academic articles
- Participants should at least have the data collected for the article they would like to work on during the workshop

Course Content
- Current trends in academic publishing, particularly in the health sciences
- Deciding what 'story' to tell
- Selecting a journal
- Issues of ethics and collaborative authorship
- Planning an article: structure, style and format
- Writing successfully

Expected Outcomes
- Acquire knowledge of the field of academic publishing including which journals to select and where to find relevant information when starting out
- Develop an understanding of how to "join the conversation" by deciding which story to tell
- Acquire knowledge of SU and FMHS policy with regard to publications and subsidy
- Be able to plan and structure a coherent and logical article
- Develop a personal roadmap towards getting published

Training Approach
Participatory and interactive sessions with focus on practical application.