

During the course you will improve the text that you are currently writing: a research article, dissertation chapter, research proposal, review paper or other scientific text. You will receive detailed feedback from your instructor as well as feedback from your peers. Giving feedback to your peers will help you spot the type of mistakes you make yourself more easily because you are not committed to the content. At the end of the course, you will understand the English grammar that you need as an academic and be able to successfully proofread your own texts.

To reach this goal, every day the focus will be on a different aspect of the language. On the first day, you will learn how to write well-formed English sentences that contain all required elements, presented in the right form and order. Being able to write sentences that are well-structured and clear is important in academic communication. Next, you will learn how to correctly form and use English verb tenses in different scientific texts and text parts like the introduction, the method section or your discussion and conclusion: how do you discuss the literature, how do you highlight your own findings, and how can you use different verbs and verb forms to write a convincing conclusion? On the third day, we will focus on noun groups. You will learn how to use singular and plural forms and the articles (the /a). This will help you avoid common mistakes that impair comprehension or may be distracting to fellow scientists or journal editors. The two final days will be focused on readability. You will learn how to build complex, but easy to read sentences that are appropriate for academic texts. We will deal with the intricacies in an easy to understand way, consisting of clear steps that you can follow in your own text and editing process.

Schedule;

### **Monday**

9.30 – 11.00 Opening Event

11.00 – 12.00 Welcome and general introduction

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17 .00 Workshop: sentence essentials

### **Tuesday**

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop: verbs

### **Wednesday**

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop: Noun groups and articles

### **Thursday**

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop Advanced sentence structure

### **Friday**

10.00 – 12.00 Peer review and individual sessions

14.00 – 15.00 Peer review and individual session