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Writing and Publishing a Scientific Paper

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Description

Writing and publishing a scientific paper is an NIH-based practical course on scientific writing in biomedical disciplines, with a focus on - but not limited to - public health and epidemiology. The course consists in theory and practice of crafting a manuscript through a supervised group work throughout its duration.

Objectives

The main goal is to equip PhD students with a robust and structured method to conceive, plan, write, submit, revise, and publish peer-reviewed scientific articles.

Prerequisites

There are no strict exclusion criteria, but ideally students can come to the course after the completion of their research project and having completed their main analysis (or secondary analysis of existing data). However, these requisites are not essential, and the results of their study may or not be ready, and tables and figures may be still in preparation. In case a student has data available, it is important that the use of the data is approved by relevant parties (i.e. the study / student's P.I., relevant ethics committee).

Dates

8 – 10 June 2026

Eligibility

Open to PhD students of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus; other students and external participants are welcome to apply for limited spaces.

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Course Structure	3-day course: Each day, 4 hours of lectures are alternated with 4 hours of practical activities and interim assignments. On the last day of the course, an individual tutoring session is offered.										
Assessment	Attainment of learning objectives measured by assessing progress of students' own proposed article, quality of interim assignments, and active participation.										
Credits	<p>2 ECTS</p> <p>Contact: 25 h, homework: 25 h</p> <p>(1 ECTS corresponds to appr. 25-30 hours workload)</p>										
Location	Hybrid: online or on site at Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, room tba										
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Registration	https://www.conftool.com/ssph-phd-courses2026/										
Deadline for registration	8 May 2026										