

Scientific Writing Retreats in the Swiss mountains

for post-docs and other early-stage researchers

Is this
for me?



- Are you a post-doc with completed pieces of research that you want to write up and publish?
- Are you frustrated because you never seem to find the time to do so?
- Do other priorities in your lab prevent you from making progress?
- Even when you do have a few hours to write, do you struggle against writers' block?
- Would you like to refine your skills in writing scientific papers?

If yes, then...

Come and join a small group of early-stage research scientists for a 2–3-day **Scientific Writing Retreat** in the Swiss mountains to:

- plan and draft your research paper(s) to submit for publication,
- learn and apply techniques for making your writing more effective,
- get constructive feedback from an experienced facilitator and from other research scientists.

How does the
retreat work?



The retreat is structured to provide:

- blocks of calm time for planning and drafting your paper(s) away from day-to-day distractions,
- short practical workshop sessions focusing on key steps in writing:
 - thinking first about purpose, readers and scope,
 - organizing your ideas and preparing an outline,
 - writing a clear and logically structured draft (with tips on writing abstracts, introductions, discussion sections and more),
 - reviewing and editing your draft for content, structure and style.
- individual coaching from the facilitator,
- opportunities to exchange ideas and to network with other early-stage researchers.

Who is the
facilitator?

Sarah Clark has more than 25 years' experience with written communication of scientific and health information, including management of the publications team at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Originally trained as a biomedical scientist and as a scientific editor, she has helped scientists of many different nationalities to communicate more effectively in writing. Her experience includes: workshop development and delivery; coaching in writing and editing skills; development of style guidelines, planning tools and other forms of support for writing and publishing; and analysis and review of publication policies and processes.



Consulting
Facilitation
Training

For **registration** and **further details** on dates, venues and costs, contact Sarah Clark at 079 342 7826 or sarah@clearthinking-clearcommunication.ch.