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Research Writing LDC Development Theme

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Hello and welcome to the LDC Development Programme theme of ‘**Research writing**’ with advice and guidance to help you communicate your research in writing, for reports, publications and eventually your thesis.

The Thesis – where do you start?

Skills you will need:

- Organising materials
- Planning the document
- A rigorous proof of your research
- Coherent writing



Lost of motivation for writing and editing!

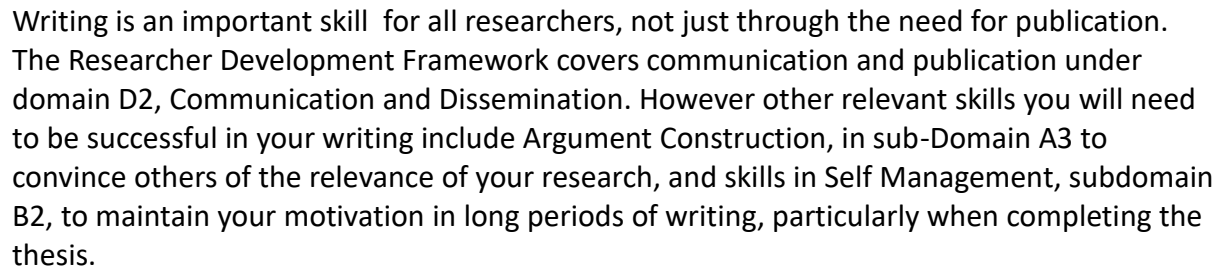
All skills your can learn early on in the PhD!

Writing is a fundamental part of research, to communicate your findings to the wider academic community.

and ultimately to complete your PhD you will need to produce a thesis

To complete this you will need many skills; to organise your materials, planning the academic document, creating a rigorous evaluation of methods and results, writing coherently and finding the motivation to keep on writing and editing until the document is complete!

Producing the thesis is no small task, but you can start developing the essential skills early in the PhD



Writing is an important skill for all researchers, not just through the need for publication. The Researcher Development Framework covers communication and publication under domain D2, Communication and Dissemination. However other relevant skills you will need to be successful in your writing include Argument Construction, in sub-Domain A3 to convince others of the relevance of your research, and skills in Self Management, subdomain B2, to maintain your motivation in long periods of writing, particularly when completing the thesis.

Starting writing

Early writing may include

- Reports for team
- Co-authorship
- Blogs – news articles – The Conversation?

Later on you may write

- Publications
- Reviews

Your Thesis!



To start your writing, you might begin with reports for your supervisory team, or write or co-author early publications, a valuable experience in many aspects, not least for your own confidence.

Alternatively you could consider writing for a wider public, produce a blog, write for University news or even The Conversation

Later on you should have more opportunities for academic publications and ultimately will be more prepared for the process of finishing the thesis.

LDC Development online workshops

Advice to help you develop those essential writing skills

Gaining motivation for your writing

Producing an academic document

Producing clear and accurate
writing

Advice on the editing process



The LDC programme includes interactive online workshops that offer suggestions and advice to help you acquire those essential writing skills. The topics covered range from techniques for finding the motivation, to start your documents, develop the structure for an academic document, justify your conclusions, through to guidance to help you write with clarity and help managing the editing process

Come long along to learn new ideas and discuss writing problems in our online environment. All titles and dates will be announced on the LDC development timetable

LDC Development workshops

Interactive half day sessions

Advice on planning your thesis



Identify when your work is ready for publication.

How to successfully navigating the peer-review process

We also offer workshops that help at different stages of your degree, from scientific writing and publishing through to starting your thesis. These are interactive sessions to help you improve your writing techniques and gain advice on crucial steps in writing for your research, including how to

advice on planning your thesis

identify when your work is ready for publication.

how to successfully navigating the peer-review process

LDC Development Writing retreats

A designated time and space to focus on writing alone

Use peer accountability to avoid the normal distractions

The 'Virtual office'



LDC Development hosts regular writing retreats that offer a designated time and space where you can virtually work with others to help your focus, simulating the virtual office. You can use peer accountability and structured timings to help avoid your normal distractions and procrastination techniques. These sessions are now online, but there is still a sense of community.

Finally

The most important part is to
start ...

Somewhere



So remember, the more writing you do during your research period, the better prepared you will be for the thesis.

How about writing some notes now on to summarise your project aims and why this project is worthwhile?

In fact this is draft 0 for the abstract of your thesis

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