**Application for the NIHR ARC South London**

**Writing and publishing a research paper**

**Dates: 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd and 9th July 2021**

**Time: 10am – 11.30am**

**Deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 3rd June 2021.**

Please email your application to [arcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:arcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk) before or by the closing date**.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

**About the course**

To get ahead in research, you need to write papers and publish them in peer-reviewed journals. This online course will help you write journal papers and get them published in the most effective way. You will get insider insights from expert trainers who know academic journals from many angles. You will work together with other participants to experience writing and publishing together. You will have a chance to draft your own abstract and get individual feedback on it from other participants.

The course will include five weekly Zoom sessions of about an hour and a half each plus work in between. The course will also be using Spatial Chat (<http://spatial.chat>) for informal networking; this allows more natural interactions than Zoom as you can talk in pairs or small groups as you wish. These short, optional networking sessions will take place at 11:30 after each Zoom session. In each session we will discuss the course material in small groups, answer questions and do exercises together. Presentations will be provided as recorded videos, and they, together with handouts, exercise instructions, quizzes and opportunities for written discussion, will be provided via Cofactor’s Moodle site. The total amount of time you will need to put aside for the course is about 16 hours (though you can spend longer if you wish).

The course will answer questions such as:

* How can I get myself motivated to write and get the paper finished?
* How should I organize my paper?
* What writing style should I use?
* How can I find the journal that’s just right and that will accept my paper?
* How can I ensure my paper makes as much impact as possible?
* How can I get my paper published more quickly?
* How do I deal with peer reviewers' comments and rejection letters?

Trainer biography:

This course was developed by Cofactor founder Anna Sharman, an experienced researcher trainer who has been a postdoc, an in-house biology journal editor and a publishing consultant. The interactive sessions will be run by Anna together with Bruce Johnson, one of Cofactor’s experienced associate trainers. Cofactor is an inclusive and environmentally friendly company. See [http://cofactorscience.com](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcofactorscience.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7Caoife.1.keohane%40kcl.ac.uk%7Cd1bf3cd71d864f353f9908d90ededb3a%7C8370cf1416f34c16b83c724071654356%7C0%7C0%7C637557172591233406%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vBF%2BFkdlTjL7aED3pcyJQhQA63usgobxxGhv3q0o2T8%3D&reserved=0).

**Please read the eligibility criteria before completing this form.**

**Eligibility:**

The course is for early career researchers and PhD students who are working in applied or basic or social care research at one of the Universities where the NIHR ARC academic partners are based ((King’s College London, St George’s, University of London and Kingston University) or at our partner NHS trusts.

The course is funded by the NIHR ARC South London.

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following criteria:

1. You are enrolled for a research higher degree at one of the universities\* or you are an early career researcher where the NIHR ARC academic partners are based.
2. You are currently writing or planning to write a research paper to be published in a peer review journal.
3. You are carrying out research based in the UK.
4. You are a researcher who has published as part of a team but not led a paper before.
5. You are available to attend ALL sessions and to undertake the preparatory work between sessions.

You may also wish to indicate if your research is allied to one of the ARC South London research themes, which are described [here](https://www.arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/research-and-implementation/our-research-areas)

\*Please note: Applicants from NIHR ARC SL [collaborators](https://www.arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/our-collaboration-partners) will be given precedence over other NIHR ARCs as this event is organised by NIHR ARC South London. Please contact us at [arcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:arcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk) if you are interested.

**Completing the application form**

Please complete the form below

1. **Applicant**

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|  | **Applicant** |
| Title: |  |
| Forename(s): |  |
| Surname: |  |
| Current Post: |  |
| Student Number:  (if applicable) |  |
| [NIHR ARC partner:](https://www.arc-sl.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/our-collaboration-partners) |  |
| Department: |  |
| University /NIHR ARC Collaborator address |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |

If completing a PhD/MRes please complete:

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| Have you held or do you currently hold a PhD/MD scholarship award? |  |
| *If yes, please give details.* |  |
| Are you currently self-funding your PhD/MD studies? |  |
| Are you home/EU registered |  |
| Please give details of fees for 2020/21 |  |
| Registration start and end date. |  |
| Current year of study |  |
| **Title of Thesis:** | |

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| *Would you like to be added to this mailing list for future events, webinars and upcoming courses?* | Yes |
| No |

1. **Online Platforms**

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| This course will be entirely online using the Zoom platform and Spatial Chat. It would be a great opportunity for researchers to network and so we recommend you leave your videos on and your microphones muted, as much as possible unless asked to do otherwise by the moderator. Spatial Chat requires a Chrome browser if possible.  This will also be a good opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and for you to meet other delegates on the course.  This course is run by the external training company Cofactor Ltd (<http://cofactorscience.com)>. | |
| Do you give permission for us to share your name and email address with Cofactor Ltd to be used only in conjunction with the course? | Yes |
| No |
| We will not be recording the Zoom or Spatial Chat sessions, but we may take screenshots. Do you consent to be part of a screenshot that may be used as an advertisement for future courses? | Yes |
| No |

1. **Required signatures**

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| **Applicant:** | | |
| There are limited places on this fully-funded course sponsored by ARC South London. **You will be required to attend all sessions.** Non-attendance will result in a financial penalty to the sponsors and will deprive other delegates of the opportunity to attend therefore a fee of £200 will be applied if you do not attend the sessions.  I confirm that I have been released from my studies/or employment and am available to fully attend the course on 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd and 9th July 2021 (10:00am – 11:30am) | | |
| Signature: | | Date: |
| Initials and name in BLOCK CAPITALS |  | |

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| **Thesis Supervisor (if a PhD/MRes student):** | | |
| I can confirm that my student will be attending the course on 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd and 9th July 2021. . | | |
| Signature: | | Date: |
| Initials and name in BLOCK CAPITALS: |  | |
| Email Address of Supervisor: |  | |