Application for funding of faculty common course 2020
Ansökan om medel för fakultetsgemensam forskarutbildningskurs 2020

English course title Writing Scientific English for ESL (English second language) Learners
Kursnamn på engelska

Swedish course title Vetenskapligt skrivande med engelska som andraspråk
Kursnamn på svenska

Extent (credits) 3
Omfattning (högskolepoäng)

Language of instruction English
Undervisningsspråk

Recommended prerequisites PhD students who are currently writing a paper or thesis.
Rekommenderade förkunskaper

General course objective/s and learning outcomes (Also specify which PhD examination goals that are addressed/covered. Describe how.)
Kursens syfte och mål (Beskriv vilka mål för examen på forskarnivå som beaktas och på vilket sätt.)

Objective: Scientific papers, written in English, are an essential part of research. However, many scientists do not have English as their first language. This course teaches the structural elements of journal article and practices writing skills, especially from the viewpoint of non-native English speakers.

After the course, the student will be able to recognize:

- the essential elements in each part of a scientific journal article
- what constitutes good paragraph and sentence structure in English
- the roles of editors and referees

Course contents
Kursinnehåll

- IMRAD, the most common structure for scientific journal articles
- What makes a text easy to read? Improving readability
- Hedgewords and connector words: what these are and how to use them
- Results and conclusions: not the same thing. What's the difference?
- The editorial and referee processes
- Individual writing tutorials

Instruction (course structure)
Undervisning (kursens uppläggning)

The course is emphasizes the practice of writing, so the lectures are short (10-15 minutes). Writing exercises are done in class and throughout the eight weeks. Feedback is given at least three times on each exercise and each student receives personalized feedback in private tutorial sessions.

Assessment (form of examination)
Examination (examinationsformer)

Obligatory attendance and satisfactory completion of the ten writing assignments.
Course examiner (name, e-mail) Terese Bergfors, terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se
Examiner (name, e-post)

Department with main responsibility Dept. of Cell and Molecular Biology
Huvudansvarig institution

Contact person/s (course responsible teacher) (name, e-mail) Terese Bergfors, terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se
Kontaktperson/er (kursansvarig lärare) (namn, e-post)

Course dates/period Feb-Mar 2020, Tuesday afternoons
Kurs datum/period

Maximum number of participants 14 persons
Antal platser

Submit the application for admission to Terese Bergfors, terese.bergfors@icm.uu.se
Skicka anmälan till kursen till

Submit the application not later than 15 Dec 2019
Skicka anmälan senast