

Getting Published Webinars from the Nature Research Academies

Agenda:

Webinar 1: October 12, 2021 (Tuesday)
09:30 – 11:30 Logical Manuscript Structure

Section 1: Before you begin (10 min)

This short introductory section discusses strategies on preparing an effective plan before the writing begins.

Section 2: Introduction (20 min)

This section discusses how to establish the author's subject expertise by effectively introducing the topic of the paper and the important research question in the field that serves as the motivation for the study.

Section 3: Methods (20 min)

This section guides attendees on what needs to be communicated in the Methods section to establish their technical expertise, which is essential in the reviewer's assessment of the study design as well as helps the field build off the research after publication.

Break and Q&A (15 min)

Section 4: Results (15 min)

This section reviews how to highlight the important patterns and trends among the data found in the figures of the paper so readers understand their significance.

Section 5: Discussion (25 min)

This section discusses how to emphasize the study's importance for the field by synthesizing the significance of the presented findings in the context of what is currently known and how this will impact the field's advancement.

Final Q&A (15 min)

Webinar 2: October 13, 2021 (Wednesday)
09:30 – 11:30 Successful Submission Strategies

Section 1: Choosing the best journal (50 min)

This section discusses strategies that attendees can use to choose the most appropriate journal for their study. We will review important aspects such as the aims and scope, open access, and selectivity of the journal.

Break and Q&A (15 min)

Section 2: Efficient submission strategies (15 min)

This section reviews how to choose which journal to submit to first and what are the best next steps if rejected from this journal. We will also discuss alternative strategies such as registered reports and preprint servers in this section.

Section 3: Writing an impactful cover letter (25 min)

This section discusses why cover letters are useful for journal editors and how to communicate the significance and relevance of the study for the journal clearly to the editor in this letter.

Final Q&A (15 min)

Webinar 3: October 15, 2021 (Friday)

09:30 – 11:30 Navigating Peer Review and Monitoring Impact

Section 1: The peer review process (20 min)

This short introductory section discusses why the peer review process is important and what editors expect from reviewers during the evaluation of submitted manuscripts.

Section 2: Editorial decisions and letters (25 min)

This section reviews how editors make decisions after peer review and gives strategies on how to best interpret their decision letters so attendees understand their expectations.

Break and Q&A (15 min)

Section 3: Writing response letters (25 min)

This section highlights the importance of the response letter for the editor and how to ensure these letters clearly communicate the revisions have been completed to improve the study.

Section 4: After final decisions (20 min)

This section discusses the steps attendees should take after their paper has either been rejected or accepted by the journal to ensure their study has impact in the field.

Final Q&A (15 min)

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