

8-week digital mentoring program in 2025

Paper Writing Academy

Paper Writing Academy™ (PWA) is an 8-week digital mentoring program supporting early-career researchers in preparing and writing a research paper to be successfully published in an international, peer-reviewed journal. Participants learn step-by-step all the relevant stages in the preparation, writing, editing, submission, and peer-review process. They are guided through the process of paper writing through the program. They make weekly progress on their research paper, and can complete it by the end of the program, ready for journal submission. During PWA, participants adopt a specific roadmap of productive paper-writing to guide them in future publications throughout their academic life.

Course concept

The course facilitates hands-on-learning while writing on a manuscript. It is provided through an e-learning platform. Participants work independently using the provided material. The course contains

- 8 weeks of guided course lessons, with short weekly units life-long access to the course material
- 8 learning modules and 35 lessons
- 1 kick-off meeting
- 4 live-support sessions
- online discussion group to clarify problems
- virtual writing room for participants

The approach of not just working theoretically, but doing the work during the course saves an incredible amount of time. The actual time that the participants need to view the video and PDF material provided and to participate in the sessions can be estimated at 1-3 hours per week, an

amount of time that can be integrated into any work week.

Target group

IFU doctoral students

Requirements

To benefit from PWA, participants should work on a paper, i.e. from scratch, being stuck or having a paper rejected.

Timetable

PWA by TRESS ACADEMIC will be rolled out 3 times in 2025, with courses running

- **February 10 – April 18, 2025**
- **May 12 – July 18, 2025**
- **October 13 – December 19, 2025**

The program schedule is flexible so that participants work at their own pace and when it suits them best.

Application

Please register for PWA in 2025 by submitting a short motivation email with the preferred time slot (in cc to the advisor) to Elija Bleher (elija.bleher@kit.edu) **latest by January 15, 2025**. Please note that registration is binding.

Trainer

Dr. Gunther Tress (TRESS ACADEMIC) was awarded a PhD at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has many years of experience as a researcher and lecturer at Roskilde University, DK, Wageningen University, NL, and the University of Aberdeen, UK. Since 2007, TRESS ACADEMIC provides training in key academic competences for researchers.

