

Academic English Skills & Research Methodology – Proposed Timetable

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1 'Academic English'	2hr	• Effective contribution to conversations, meetings and conference presentations (seminars and/or webinars). • Tactics to enhance, master and obtain a good command of the English language.
Day 2 'Reading and Writing Skills with critique'	2hr	• How to structure reports and/or theses. • How to perform a literature search (using on-site, online and off-line resources) and methods to review the literature. • Narrative writing, paraphrasing and formulation. • Sketching schematic diagrams and/or adapting images. • How to create a thorough analysis of results (discussion) in light or context of the published literature. • Comparative, suggestive and critical evidence-based approach to writing and avoiding speculations. • Claims of own ideas, evaluation and careful recommendation.
Day 3 'Authorship'	40min	• Referencing tools and output styles. • Referencing of images and/or web sources. • Originality of reports and plagiarism checks.
Day 4 'Statistical Analysis'	2hr	• Research model validity, viability and feasibility. • Ethical approvals and consent forms. • Sample selection and size. • Statistical data design and appropriate software selection. • Performing statistical analysis and reporting results in chart and/or graph formats.
Day 5 'Research Framework, Development and Innovation'	1 hr, 30min	• Brain storming techniques, constructive analysis and novelty (contribution to neoknowledge). • The targeting of niche area(s) in science and interdisciplinary research. • Collaboration with other academic institutions and/or research centres. • Drafting an application for Research Funding (prerequisites and drafting proposals). • Advertising PhD Scholarships and candidate selection. • Project Management. • Publishing and the significance of journals' impact factors.

*Allocated time includes a 30 min interactive session and questions from the participants.