



**Office of The Vice Chancellor  
for Research and Graduate Studies  
Has The Pleasure to Invite You to attend  
a Series of Seminars entitled**

## **Good Academic Writing**

*Publish or perish`* is a dictum that is truer today for academics than ever before. The objective of the *Good Academic Writing* seminar series is to provide an opportunity, particularly for the relatively junior academic staff of the University, to sharpen their objectivity, and skill set required to enrich their writing skills, in order **to increase the likelihood of acceptance of manuscripts at quality scientific venues, as well as success in grantsmanship.**

These foundation seminars will provide the necessary information **on what, how and why of good academic writing** and explains the conventions and **expectations of journal editors and grant reviewers.** It is hoped that such outcomes will help participants express their academic voice and contribute to eventual career success.

### ***Is it for you?***

The seminars will be open to all academic staff of the University of Sharjah, and the junior academic staff stand to gain most from the seminars.

### ***Faculty***

The seminar series will be coordinated by **Professor Lakshman Samaranayake**, from the College of Dental Medicine, and The Faculty will include the following:

- **Professor Maamar Bettayeb, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies**
- **Professor Qutayba Hamid, Vice-Chancellor and Dean College of Medicine**
- **Dr Rifat Hamoudi, Associate Professor, SIMR**
- **Dr Kausar Sadir Fakhruddin, College of Dental Medicine**
- **Dr Mohamed Rahmani, Associate Professor, SIMR**
- **Professor Salman Guraya Professor of Surgery and Vice Dean College of Medicine**
- **Ms Nadia Masoud, Director of University Libraries**
- **Dr Mohamed Al Hemaury, Head of Technology Transfer Office**

*(Please see below for mini-profiles of the Faculty)*

# ***Seminar Contents in a nut-shell***

## **Introduction to the Seminar Series and Inaugural Seminar**

**17 October 2018**

**Professor Maamar Bettayeb, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, and**

**Professor Lakshman Samaranayake**

- Welcome
- The objectives of the Seminar Series
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**Inaugural seminar: 17 October 2018**

**Professor Qutayba Hamid, Vice-Chancellor and Dean College of Medicine**

- How to increase your chance of your paper accepted?
- Lessons from an editorial point of view

**Part I. Essentials of writing biomedical research papers: 17 October 2018**

**Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, Visiting Professor, College of Dental Medicine**

- What to do before you write
- What is the best writing procedure
- How to get into the right mood of writing
- Tips on grammar and style
- `Writer`s block` and unblocking it

**Part II. Tips and strategies for manuscript submission: 24 October 2018**

**Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, Visiting Professor, College of Dental Medicine**

- Good science reporting and presentation
- The 22 steps of manuscript writing and submission
- Top 10 mistakes
- What the editors want...
- How to handle revision without offending reviewers

**Part III: Refining your manuscript: from `good` to `great` and notes on**

**statistical evaluations: 31 October 2018**      **Dr Rifat Hamoudi, Associate**

**Professor, SIMR**

- Developing a research story for top scientific journals (*Nature, Science* and *Cell*)
- Extra experimental work needed to publish in top scientific journals
- Pitfalls that obviate publishing in top scientific journals, and how to overcome them
- Role of research methodology and statistics in conducting high quality research (45 min)

**Part IV: Systematic reviews and Meta-analysis: What? How? And When? : 7 November 2018** Dr Kausar Sadir Fakhruddin, Lecturer, College of Dental Medicine

- Defining the research question
- Conducting dependable and transpicuous reviews of the existing literature
- Protocol for information retrieval (guidelines and tools)
- Appraisal resources and analysis tools

**Part V: Writing a good biomedical research grant proposal & Grantsmanship: 14 November 2018** Dr Mohamed Rahmani, Associate Professor, SIMR

- Where to start?
  - Key principles for writing a successful grant proposal
  - Writing common grant components
  - Common grant-writing errors
  - Grant reviews criteria and how to address them to enhance your proposal.
  - Most cited reasons for not receiving fund
  - Revising and resubmitting unsuccessful proposals

**Part VI: Protecting your Intellectual Property and Generate Revenues: 21 November 2018**

Dr Mohamed Al Hemairy, Head of the Technology Transfer Office

- Introduction to Intellectual Property and general IP issues for researchers
- Incentive opportunities for inventor faculty and students
- Successful commercialized examples of inventions at UAE

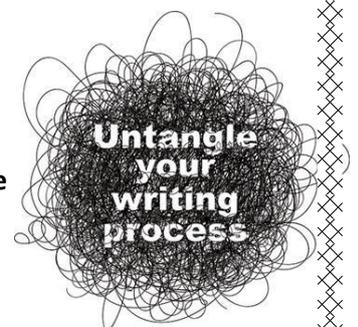
**Part VII: Managing Bibliography using Refworks: The Citation Manager: 28 November 2018**

Ms Nadia Masoud, Director of Libraries, University of Sharjah

- How to export results from Online Databases, Scopus, Google Scholar, etc.
- Managing your references in *Refworks*
- In-Text Citation using the App. *Write-N-Cite*
- Create the Bibliography

**Part VIII: Publications in SCOPUS journals database: 28 November 2018** Professor Maamar Bettayeb, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate

- University of Sharjah performance in SCOPUS
- Journal ranking in SCOPUS per speciality



## Part IX: Research ethics and common lapses of academic integrity: 5 December 2018

Professor Salman Guraya, Professor of Surgery and Vice Dean College of Medicine

- Key principles of scientific integrity
- Scholarly writing ethics
- Plagiarism; reasons, types and remedies
- Authorship and peer reviewer roles
- Publishing ethics

### Meet Your Faculty

- Professor Maamar Bettayeb, is the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Sharjah
- Professor Qutayba Hamid is the Vice-Chancellor and Dean College of Medicine. He is an internationally renowned Researcher on the pathogenesis of pulmonary diseases (h index 112)
- Professor Lakshman Samaranayake is one of the top ten, highest cited scholars in dentistry (h index 78). He is also the founding editor in chief of *Journal of Investigative and Clinical dentistry* (Wiley)
- Prof Salman Guraya has vast experience in scientific publications, academic writing, and research ethics pertaining to publishing research work. He is the editor of several biomedical journals under Elsevier and Wolter's Kluwer.
- Dr Rifat Akram Hamoudi, Associate Professor, College of Medicine, who has published widely in very high impact factor journals such as *Nature* and *Cell*
- Dr Mohamed Rahmani, Associate Professor, College of Medicine, with varied expertise in grantsmanship, in several countries including USA.
- Dr Nadia Masoud, is the Director of Libraries, University of Sharjah
- Dr Mohamed Al Hemaury, Head of the Technology Transfer Office, University of Sharjah
- Dr Kausar Sadir Fakhruddin Lecturer, College of Dental Medicine with expertise in meta-analyses and related issues.

### Where and When?

- The seminars will be held weekly on Wednesday from Oct 17<sup>th</sup> till Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as per the attached schedule.
- All attendees who complete the Seminar Series will be given a certificate by UoS.