



PhD Program in Plant Sciences: Scientific Writing Practice I - General Principles

Lecturer:	Patrick Turko, PhD
Location:	ETHZ center
Dates:	September 26, 2024 October 22, 2024
Time:	9:00 – 18:00
Credit Points:	1 ECTS

Course Description

This course is a foundation course in scientific writing skills. It offers writers practice in expressing themselves precisely, concisely and, above all, clearly when writing English for scientific purposes. Particular attention is paid to Organisation, Flow and Style. We will also consider the use of large language models (LLMs) like chatGPT. Participants will receive feedback on their writing and will have the opportunity to edit and improve texts written in English. The course serves as preparation for a second course, “Scientific Writing Practice 2: Writing Up Research in English”, which accompanies scientific writers as they produce the individual chapters of a research article in English.

Prior Knowledge:

No prior knowledge is required. Please note that PhD students with native/near-native-speaker level skills are recommended to start with “Scientific Writing Practice 2” (offered in the spring semester).

Number of Participants: A maximum of 20 students will be able to enrol in this course.

Individual Performance and Assessment:

Attendance and active participation during day 1 and day 2 (16 hours).

In order to complete the course and gain their credit point, students will be required to complete a writing task between Day 1 and Day 2 of the course and submit it to the course instructor for evaluation (preparation work of 14 hours).