



Scientific Writing Camp – Spring 2025

We would like to invite you to the **3rd Scientific Writing Camp (SWC)**, held by the PhD Academy on **April 23–24, 2025**. The event is organized under the auspices of the Vice-Rector for Science and Research – prof. Mgr. Jana Kukutschová, Ph.D. (VSB-TUO), the Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations – prof. Ing. Daniel Stavárek, Ph.D. (Silesian University in Opava), and the Vice-Rector for Research and Artistic Activities – doc. RNDr. Martin Štěpnička, Ph.D. (University of Ostrava),

The event aims to promote interdisciplinarity in research and publishing, and to offer early-career researchers a space for learning and collaboration.

During SWC, participants will form interdisciplinary teams (combining two different micro-teams, i.e., 2-6 people), discuss their research interests, define a research gap, and design a research study. Short lectures will introduce participants to the requirements of quality scholarly journals and the structure of a research article. Throughout the event, participants will have the opportunity to consult their topics and ideas with experienced mentors, both from and outside the university. At SWC participants will start working on a joint study and paper to be published by the end of 2026.

Target group:

PhD students (from the 2nd year onwards) or post-doctoral researchers (max. 2 years after the completion of their PhD studies) can form the so-called micro-teams, i.e., 1 to 3 PhD students/post-doctoral researchers, and register for SWC. SWC will be held in English.

The top limit for SWC is 30 participants, so register as soon as possible, by **21 March 2024 at the latest**.

To ensure a wide variety of research topics and disciplines, we reserve the right to select participants from all three universities.

Registration form is available here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZwMx9Tsm3i_PkBmgHmJ7PVzNiUZfpW1rjgwY2ApqxKQ/edit

Programme:

April 23

- 09:00 - 10:00 registration + admin
- 10:00 - 11:00 presentation of micro-teams
- 11:00 - 12:00 team building (meeting)
- 12:00 - 12:30 introductory lecture
- 12:30 - 14:00 lunch
- 14:00 - 19:00 working sessions (with breaks)

April 24

- 07:00 - 13:00 working sessions (with breaks)
- 13:00 - 14:00 lunch
- 14:30 - 16:00 presentation of outcomes/plans
- end by 18:00

After two days of intensive work, each team will present:

- novel idea/ research question,
- aspects of interdisciplinarity of the two research micro-teams,
- research gap,
- research objective,
- methodology
- preliminary structure of the future research paper.

The outcomes will be evaluated by an expert committee, and teams on the first three places will receive one-time bonus stipend:

- 1st place – CZK 10.000/team member
- 2nd place – CZK 5.000/team member
- 3rd place – CZK 2.000/team member

The end of SWC is not the end of the support for the teams - participants are welcome to consult with mentors and/or experts not only from Writing Support Centre and the Central Library when working on the article. Participants will also be reimbursed for Open Access fees (for all teams that get as far as publishing a SWC-stimulated article in Q1 journal).

Venue:

The new PhD Academy premises (UK 220) next to the Central Library study room in the Poruba campus.

Refreshments:

Lunch (2x), dinner (1x), coffee, tea and other small refreshments will be provided for all participants.

With best regards,

PhD Academy Team