



Scientific Writing Camp – 2026

We would like to invite you to the **4th Scientific Writing Camp (SWC)**, held by the PhD Academy at VŠB-TUO on **2 – 3 February 2026**. The event is organized under the auspices of the Vice-Rector for Science, Research, and Doctoral Studies – prof. Ing. Jan Platoš, Ph.D. (VSB-Technical University in Ostrava), the Vice-Rector for Science and International Relations – doc. Ing. Iveta Palečková, Ph.D. (Silesian University in Opava), and the Vice-Rector for Research and Artistic Activities – doc. RNDr. Martin Štěpnička, Ph.D. (Ostrava University).

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

PhD students apply as micro-teams of one or two researchers. During SWC, participants form interdisciplinary teams (combining 2-3 different micro-teams, i.e. 4-6 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 have the opportunity to consult their topics and ideas with experienced mentors, from all 3 universities. At SWC participants will start working on a joint study and paper to be published by the end of 2027.

Application:

PhD students from VSB-TUO, Ostrava University, and Silesian University in Opava. In addition, post-doctoral researchers from VSB-TUO (max. 2 years after the completion of their PhD studies) can also apply.

The top limit for SWC is 30 participants. Register as soon as possible, but by **January 9, 2026, at the latest**. To ensure a wide variety of research topics, disciplines, and participants from all 3 universities, we reserve the right to select applicants for SWC.

Registration is available [here](#).

Programme:

February 2

- 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)

February 3

07:00 - 13:00 working sessions (with breaks)

13:00 - 14:00 lunch

14:00 - 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 all the 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)/or receive a library token to cater for the publishing fee.

Venue:

PhD Academy premises (UK 220) next to the Central Library study room in VSB-TUO Poruba campus.

Refreshments:

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

With best regards,
PhD Academy Team
VSB-TUO