

May Institute on computation and statistics for mass spectrometry and proteomics

May 8, 9am - 12:30pm, 2024. Scientific writing

Venue:

Northeastern University main campus, Shillman Hall, 3rd floor. Please see the [annotated map](#).

Lead instructor:

[Alicia Williams](#), AWilliams@morgridge.org

Description

What makes for good scientific writing—writing that is not just clear and concise, but engaging and exciting to read? And why is it so hard to achieve? In this workshop, we will address several accessible, guiding principles of good scientific writing, all of them rooted in features of storytelling. We will also put these principles into practice by revising our own short “elevator pitches” drafted at the beginning of the workshop, among other examples. Our aim will be to leave with a firm plan for communicating research in clear, dynamic, and impactful prose.

Target audience

Scientists who are seeking to improve their communication skills in grant and manuscript writing. Any career stage and any level of comfort with scientific English is welcome.

Tentative schedule

Wednesday May 8, 2024.

9:00 a.m. **Part 1: Scientific writing overview and “elevator pitch” writing exercise**, Alicia Williams

10:30 a.m. Refreshments

11:00 a.m. **Part 2: Revision strategies in practice**, Alicia Williams

12:30 p.m. Wrap-up

Materials

[Slides](#)

[Writing exercise document](#)

Link to participant lunch order pickup

If you would like us to pick up your pre-paid lunch order from Tatte or B.Good, [please fill this form](#)

Course dinner signup

If you are joining the free dinner on May 6, 6:30pm at Back Bay Social, RSVP [through this form](#)

Course evaluation

Please help us improve the program in the future by filling in [this evaluation form](#)