

## ASLM2018 Preconference Workshop on Manuscript Writing

### Overview

The African Journal for Laboratory Medicine, ASLM's scholarly journal is hosting a half-day preconference workshop on manuscript writing on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, ahead of ASLM2018. Participants will hear short talks by resource persons and will perform hands-on-activities to hone a manuscript of their own. The workshop and application process will be conducted in English and is only open to accepted attendees of ASLM2018. The workshop will prioritize early career scientists who are authoring, or looking to author, one of their first five manuscripts for publication. Intended participants must apply to the workshop after registering for ASLM2018. Registration for the workshop is generously supported by Public Health England and the African Society for Laboratory Medicine.

### Learning outcomes

Participants that complete the workshop will

- Be cognizant of the requirements for responsible conduct of research and ethical writing;
- Understand and avoid unintentional plagiarism, conflicts of interest and other writing misdemeanors
- Understand how to outline a manuscript and use the outline to draft a narrative
- Be able to outline and draft an abstract for a scientific paper
- Be able to navigate journal peer review processes and,
- Have a sense of where to go for writing assistance and support

### Application process

1. Your entire application should be sent by e-mail as a single document (MSWord or pdf) to [AJLMtraining@gmail.com](mailto:AJLMtraining@gmail.com). Complete applications are due on or before 5pm WAT 23 November 2018
2. Please indicate your name, e-mail address, institution, present position and ASLM2018 registration number at the top of the application
3. Please write a paragraph (150 words max) summarizing why you think you should get a place on this workshop.
4. List manuscripts you have published (peer reviewed or not) or submitted to publication to date
5. If you are selected for the workshop, we will ask that you bring an unfinished manuscript or a manuscript concept. What is the draft Title and Abstract of potential manuscript you could bring?
6. Please attach a brief CV – NIH biosketch (fellowship) style  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

*Successful applicants will receive an e-mail to the sending address inviting them to the workshop on or before 5 December 2018*