



# 科学英語論文作成セミナー

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# Research Writing Seminars

The NAIST Division of Educational Development is hosting a four-part seminar series in March aiming to help NAIST researchers boost the quality and impact of their research writing. The four seminars are led by research-writing experts, Yukiko Nakayama (U-English) and Leigh McDowell (NAIST), and will be held over two consecutive days on March 29 and 30.

## Date

March 29 (Mon) 13:30–15:00; 15:10–16:40

March 30 (Tue) 13:30–15:00; 15:10–16:40

## Venue

Large Lecture Hall in MS building

(Also broadcast through the NAIST Academic Channel.)

## Lecturers

### Yukiko Nakayama

Managing director of U-ENGLISH Corporation. English lecturer of NAIST and other universities, director and chief instructor at Japan Society for Technical Communication. She will talk about:

Mar 29 13:30–15:00 *Tips on writing correct, clear and concise sentences*

Mar 29 15:10–16:40 *Title and Abstract*

**(Both these sessions are conducted in Japanese.)**



### Leigh McDowell

Associate professor of NAIST. Born in Australia and lives in Japan since 1998, graduated from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 1997, master's degree in linguistics from Macquarie University in 2016. He will talk about:

Mar 30 13:30–15:00 *Sophistication in research writing*

Mar 30 15:10–16:40 *Accuracy in research writing*

**(Both these sessions are conducted in English.)**



## Targets

These seminars are aimed specifically at NAIST faculty, but students who are active in publishing their research are also welcomed to join.

**\* These seminars are equivalent to four sessions of Career Management B for PhD students who enrolled in 2018 and later.**

● **Registration:** Participation will not be restricted. However, to know the number of participants in advance, please register

**Before March 19, Fri**

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### **Seminar 1. March 29 (13:30–15:00)**

*Tips on writing correct, clear, and concise sentences*

The first seminar in this series helps participants develop their basic grammar skills for writing correct, clear, and concise sentences for use in research articles. The seminar focuses on nouns (countable, uncountable, and article) and verbs. This seminar is conducted in Japanese by Yukiko Nakayama (U-ENGLISH).

### **Seminar 2. March 29 (15:10–16:40)**

*Title and Abstract*

The title and the abstract of your research article must reflect the paper's content accurately and attract readers. This seminar helps participants to develop their own templates for writing the abstract and the title effectively. The seminar is conducted in Japanese by Yukiko Nakayama (U-ENGLISH).

### **Seminar 3. March 30 (13:30–15:00)**

*Sophistication in research writing: What you need to know before writing a research article*

This seminar guides participants through the fundamental features of research writing and highlights important ways that NAIST researchers can improve the *sophistication* of their research writing. It is conducted in English by Leigh McDowell (NAIST)

### **Seminar 4. March 30 (15:10–16:40)**

*Accuracy in research writing: What you need to know after writing a research article*

This fourth and final seminar in the series examines the important issue of *accuracy* in research writing, outlining the top-ten most common grammar errors in the research writing of Japanese scientists, and what NAIST researchers can do to reduce those errors and improve the accuracy of their research writing. This seminar is conducted in English by Leigh McDowell (NAIST).

## **Introduction of lecturers**

### **Yukiko Nakayama, 中山 裕木子**

Ms. Yukiko Nakayama is the managing director of U-ENGLISH Corporation, as well as the director and chief instructor at Japan Society for Technical Communication (JSTC). She also works as a part-time lecturer in the engineering departments of various universities, including NAIST. She has passed the Grade-1 EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency and the Level-1 English Technical Writing Test, including an honorable mention award from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Her job focuses on the revision and translation of technical manuscripts as well as patents. She also teaches technical English at various companies, universities, and technical colleges, and has written several textbooks on the subject.

### **Leigh McDowell**

Leigh McDowell is an Associate Professor at NAIST, where in addition to teaching research writing, academic presentation and discussion skills, and professional communication, he has been actively supporting NAIST researchers' efforts to publish their research in international journals for over a decade now. Through these activities, and through his own research in the field of English for Specific Purposes (ESP), he has developed an intimate and extensive understanding of the English needs of Japanese scientists, which he is happy to share in this seminar series. Outside of NAIST, Assoc Prof McDowell is an active volunteer for the NPO Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT) and is currently the President of the local Nara Chapter. He lives happily in the sunny city of Ikoma with his family, who all enjoy soccer and musicals.