

## **PDF Copy**

### Application Form - Online Course in Research Writing for Environmental Health Researchers (2017)

*\*\*\* This is a PDF copy of the application form and it is not meant to be filled out. It is only for your reference. Please go through this form before you fill out the online application form here:*

*<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PYRTNY9> \*\*\**

Welcome to the application form for the online course on writing up environmental health research for scholarly publication. This course will be jointly presented by AuthorAID, the Journal of Health and Pollution (JH&P), and Pure Earth. The deadline to fill out this application form is **June 1, 2017**.

Since partial applications cannot be saved, please complete this application form in one sitting. If you face technical problems and have to stop in between, please begin a new application. If you have any questions, write to [rmurugesan@inasp.info](mailto:rmurugesan@inasp.info)

\* 1. Please confirm that you have carefully read the course announcement.

Yes

No

\* 2. As this will be a somewhat advanced course, we expect you to already know the fundamentals of writing a research paper for publication. Please tell us which of the following criteria you meet.

If you don't meet any of criteria given in options A to D, you must enrol in the open AuthorAID online course in research writing that will run from April 18 to June 12, 2017 before you fill out this application form and then select option E. If enrolment for this course has closed, send an email to [rmurugesan@inasp.info](mailto:rmurugesan@inasp.info) with the subject line 'Environmental health researcher' and request for an exception to be made for you.

We regret that we cannot accept your application if you neither meet any of the criteria in options A to D nor wish to take the open AuthorAID course (that is, option E).

A. I have completed a previously offered AuthorAID online course and obtained a course completion certificate.

B. I have participated in a workshop organised or supported by AuthorAID.

C. I have worked with an AuthorAID mentor.

D. I have participated in some other training programme on research writing.

E. I have enrolled in the open AuthorAID online course in research writing starting in April 2017.

3. Please give us more information on the option(s) you selected in response to the previous question. If you selected...

- Option A: mention the name of the AuthorAID online course and duration (start and end dates)
- Option B: mention the AuthorAID workshop name, location, dates, and name of the lead facilitator
- Option C: mention the name of your AuthorAID mentor and duration of the mentoring relationship, and briefly describe what you achieved as a result of the mentoring relationship
- Option D: share an outline of the syllabus and mention when and where you undertook this training

## Eligibility criteria and research background

You must be a citizen of, living in, and doing research in one of the eligible countries, as mentioned in the course announcement.

Only these countries are listed in the drop-down menus below. If you cannot find your country, that means you are not eligible to apply for the course and you cannot proceed with the application.

You're not required to select the same country in response to all the questions. For example, if a researcher is a citizen of Bangladesh, is employed at an institution in Kenya, and is conducting a research project in Nicaragua, he or she would be eligible to apply.

To put it simply, you should be able to select one of the countries given in the drop-down menu under each question below.

\* 4. Which country are you a citizen of?

\* 5. In which country are you living now?

\* 6. Which country does your research relate to? If your research relates to multiple countries, just choose the country where it's mainly being carried out.

This course is open to researchers focusing on the health effects, evaluation, remediation and/or control of heavy metals, pesticides, radionuclides, dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), air particulates (PM10 and PM2.5), and other severe and persistent chemical pollutants in the environment, community, home or workplace settings.

Researchers focusing on the following are NOT eligible for this course: greenhouse gases or climate change impacts, adaptation or vulnerability (except where one or more of the above contaminants is involved), microbiological water quality and sanitation (except where one or more of the above contaminants is involved), and pollution that has no potential human health impact or for which there is no pathway to humans.

\* 7. Does your research focus on the health effects, evaluation, remediation and/or control of any of the following? Select all that are applicable.

- heavy metals
- pesticides
- radionuclides
- dioxins
- polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- air particulates (PM10 and PM2.5)
- other severe and persistent chemical pollutants in the environment, community, home or workplace settings
- none of the above

The course participants will be expected to develop a research article in the IMRAD format (introduction, method, results, discussion). The course is not right for you if you plan to write a narrative review or case study.

\* 8. What kind of research paper are you planning to write?

- Original research article in the IMRAD format
- Systematic review article in the IMRAD format
- Meta-analysis article in the IMRAD format
- Narrative review
- Case study
- Other (please specify)

\* 9. Please put the abstract of your research paper in the box below. If you don't have a proper research abstract, write a summary of your research. This is a compulsory question. The finalists for the course will be selected based on the strength of their research abstract or summary.

10. OPTIONAL QUESTION. Please provide a description of your research methods.

\* 11. We plan to select and notify the finalists for the course by **June 16, 2017**. Then, the finalists will be expected to submit a complete draft manuscript by **July 24, 2017**. The course participants will be selected based on the strength of their draft manuscripts.

If you are selected as a finalist, will you be able to meet the **July 24 deadline** to submit a draft manuscript?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Personal Details

\* 12. Your full name

\* 13. Your email address

14. An alternative email address, if you have one

\* 15. Your gender

Female

Male

\* 16. What kind of organization do you work in?

Public university

Private university

Research institute

Not-for-profit organization

Commercial/for-profit organization

Self-employed / freelancer / independent professional

Other (please specify)

\* 17. What is the name of the organization in which you work? Please write in full; do not use short forms or abbreviations.

\* 18. What's the highest degree you have completed?

Below a bachelor's degree

Bachelor's degree

Master's degree

Doctoral degree

\* 19. What is your primary professional responsibility at your institution?

- Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Studying towards a degree
- Other (please specify)

\* 20. Are you currently enrolled in an academic program?

- No
- Yes, bachelor's level
- Yes, master's level
- Yes, doctoral level
- Other (please specify)

\* 21. How many papers have you published as a first author or senior author in peer-reviewed scientific journals? Please enter a number in the box below.

\* 22. How many papers have you published as a co-author (not first or senior author) in peer-reviewed scientific journals? Please enter a number in the box below.

23. If you have an online profile on Google Scholar, ResearchGate, or some other portal with a list of all your publications, please provide the web link to one such profile. If you don't have such a profile please skip this question.

24. If you have an ORCID identifier, please enter it below. This is a 16-digit code. Visit the [ORCID website](#) if you'd like to know more about this.

Thank you for completing the application. We plan to notify the finalists by email on or before **June 16, 2017**.

Please click the "Done" button below to submit your application. Please note, you will not receive an email confirmation about your submission. If you see the next page after clicking "Done" you can assume your application was successfully submitted.