

Walking in the Editors' Shoes: Peer reviewing and journal editing for young researchers in health sciences (all disciplines)

Course Description Early career scientist (late-stage PhD students, and postdocs) are involved in manuscript peer review as authors and reviewers. As reviewers, they influence what is published, and need to understand the full decision making process. The course offers theoretical background and practical training in evaluating manuscripts at all stages of peer review, from pre-screen to final decision, in the roles of reviewers, handling editors, and Editors in Chief. We offer interactive lectures, single exercises and supervised group work, and use examples from the real world of an interdisciplinary public health journal to perform a wide range of hands-on exercises.

Learning Goals The course concentrates on the tasks and responsibilities of reviewers and editors. Participants will learn pre-screen and peer-review criteria, will train to write concise and useful reviews, evaluate revisions, take decisions on manuscripts and communicate these. Students will learn best practice standards, and get to know tools to handle misconduct. They will understand editorial strategies to increase the impact of a journal, and new trends in peer review and scholarly publishing. The course improves reviewing skills and prepares for an appointment as Associate Editor.

Workload & ECTS ~30 student working hours distributed over 4 weeks, 1.0 ECTS

Dates & Time Begin: 31 October 2017, end: 28 November 2017, 4 phases:

Phase 1: 31 Oct – 13 Nov: homework (online)	(~3 hours)
Phase 2: 14 Nov: in-class course Day 1 - 9:15-18:00h	(~8 hours)
Phase 3: 15 Nov – 27 Nov: homework (online)	(~11 hours)
Phase 4: 28 Nov: in-class course Day 2 - 9:15-18:00h	(~8 hours)

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Eligibility Advanced PhD students (at least 2nd year with publication experience), postdocs and junior researchers, from all disciplines of health sciences e.g. Epidemiology, Public Health, Medicine, Nursing Science, Clinical Research and others.

Registration Deadline 15 September 2017 at <https://pphs.unibas.ch/phd-students/pphs-training/pphs-workshop/>

Fees	PhD students of Basel University and associated Institutes	Free
	PhD students enrolled in the inter-university SSPH+ PhD Programs Public Health and Health Economics	Free
	Any other researchers of Basel University and associated Institutes	750 CHF
	PhD students from other Universities	425 CHF
	All other participants	900 CHF

Location Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Socinstrasse 57, 4051 Basel; seminar room 3.

