

WISE WRITING GROUP COURSE

Call for Expressions of Interest

WISE Writing Group

Research has shown that while carving out time and focus for writing papers and funding proposals is a challenge for all academics, it is particularly challenging for female academics with caring responsibilities. Writing papers and grants is however a very important activity for career progression. Therefore, as WISE, we want to support our members to work on their personal writing projects by facilitating a WISE writing group course.

Course outline

The course consists of weekly writing days with a group of female TU/e scientific staff members during a period of 14 weeks, starting Thursday, 19 March 2020.

Twelve out of these 14 sessions will be carved out purely as personal writing time. To facilitate this, the course provides the group with a quiet, secluded writing space (on campus) along with a day's structure and rules that support getting your personal writing project done (see schedule below).

The course is facilitated by experienced trainer dr. Brigitte Hertz, who will support participants in making and keeping their own writing plans, explain the working structure and rules of the writing group, get you started with writing energizers and creative exercises and offer personal coaching on writing as part of your career ambitions and practices during two of the 14 sessions.

Part of the course structure involves peer support, including feedback on each other's writing and writing practices. We aim for a group size of 8 participants to ensure group cohesion and sufficient time for personal attention from the trainer.

Commitment is essential for the format of this course, as well as for your own success, so we require participants to be present for at least 11 of the 14 sessions, and definitely for the opening session on 19 March. We realise that staff members may have teaching or other obligations that might overlap with the writing group. We therefore break the day into two sessions. Ideally, participants are present for the full day, but it is also possible to join for either a morning (9:00 - 13:00) or an afternoon session (13:00 – 17:00).

The majority of costs for the course are covered by WISE. We ask a small fee of 240,- euro per participant to gain full coverage and to further ensure commitment.

How to enrol

If you are interested to take part, please send your expression of interest to wise-network@tue.nl by February 6th, 2020 including:

1. Why you would like to take part;
2. What you would like to achieve/which writing project you plan to work on;
3. Your availability/commitment for the planned dates;
4. A confirmation that you have approval from your group/department to cover the course fee.

Participation is only open for WISE members. Membership can be obtained by filling out the form on <https://www.tue.nl/en/our-university/community/women-in-science-eindhoven-wise-network/> and is free for all female TU/e employees.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by February 18th. Accepted participants will be required to submit their writing plan by March 10th.

Course details

Meeting weekly on Thursdays from 19 March – 25 June (excl. 21 May), 9:00 – 17:00 in (nice) room on Campus (exact location to be announced asap).

Writing day schedule (12 out of 14 weeks)*
9:00 – 9:15 start-up
9:15 – 10:45 first writing block
10:45 – 11:00 break
11:00 – 12:30 second writing block
12:30 – 13:30 lunch break (provided by WISE)
13:30 – 13:45 start-up
13:45 – 15:15 third writing block
15:15 - 15:30 break
15:30 – 17:00 fourth writing block

* two out of 14 sessions will be with the trainer and include joint exercises, and personal coaching in a break-out space. These will take place on 19 March, and (probably) 18 June.