

Application Form: Online Course in Research Writing (Environmental

Introduction

This is the application form for the "Online Course in Research Writing: Environmental Health". This five-week course will begin on April 1 and end on May 5, 2013. The deadline to apply for the course is February 28, 2013 (10 PM GMT).

The course is a modified version of AuthorAID's Online Course in Research Writing. Content specific to research in environmental health has been contributed by Blacksmith Institute, an international non-profit organization dedicated to solving pollution problems in low and middle income countries.

AuthorAID and Blacksmith Institute will jointly conduct the course, with staff from both organizations acting as the course facilitators. All communication within the course will be in English, and the course content is available only in English.

This course is open to early-career researchers focusing on heavy metals, pesticides, radionuclides, dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and other severe and persistent toxins. Researchers focusing on the following are NOT eligible for this course: greenhouse gases or climate change impacts, adaptation or vulnerability; ambient air pollution; sewage and non-toxic municipal waste; biological or chemical oxygen demand (BOD and COD); noise pollution; and pollution which has no potential human health impact, or for which there is no pathway to humans.

To be eligible to take this course, researchers must be citizens of countries listed in WHO Mortality Stratum B-E (http://www.who.int/whr/2003/en/member_states_182-184_en.pdf), and their research must relate to these countries.

Please continue to the next page to check if your country is listed. If it is, you can proceed with the application. All the best!

Eligibility Criteria

As mentioned earlier, you need to be a citizen of, living in, and doing research in one of the eligible countries. The drop-down menus for the questions below contain only these countries. 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.

*1. Which country are you a citizen of?

*2. In which country are you living now?

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

Personal Details

*4. Your full name

*5. Your gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

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*6. 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
- ☐ Other (please specify)

*7. What is the name of the organization in which you work?

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

- ☐ Below a bachelor's degree
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree

*9. What is your primary professional responsibility at your institution?

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

*10. Are you currently enrolled in an academic program?

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

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***11. How many papers have you published as a first author in peer-reviewed scientific journals?**

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ More than 5

***12. How many papers have you published as a co-author (not first author) in peer-reviewed scientific journals?**

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ More than 5

Your Research

Please read the below information carefully before you proceed:

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***13. Are you currently engaged in a research project?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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***14. Please briefly describe your research project in about 200 to 300 words. Write in simple and clear language. We suggest you compose your response in a document, check the word count, and paste the response below. We will reject applications that have very long (>400 words) or very short (<100 words) responses.**



***15. Are you the primary investigator or lead researcher in this project? That is, are you the main person responsible for doing the research and writing up a paper for publication?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

***16. Based on your current research activity, when do you think you will be able to submit a research paper to a journal?**

☐ By June 2013

☐ By December 2013

☐ By June 2014

☐ By December 2014

☐ Not sure

***17. The course will run for 5 weeks from April 1 to May 5, 2013. If you are selected to join the course, will you be able to spend at least 1 to 2 hours per week on the course from April 1 to May 5?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

Thank you for applying to the course. We will notify the successful applicants by March 15, 2013.