

Wiley Researcher Academy

Evaluation Day

● About the Wiley Researcher Academy

The Wiley Researcher Academy is a comprehensive, online author training programme, incorporating 14 assessed courses and over 50 hours of self-paced learning.

It has been designed to support national government strategies for research excellence, driving growth in the quantity and quality of published research outputs, considered primary indicators of performance of a country's national science programme. Typical customers are Ministries of Science, Ministries of Higher Education, National Science Councils or Research Councils, depending on which organization holds the remit for upskilling scientific researchers at national level.

As a nationally scalable solution it is an efficient and effective means to make high-quality training on writing and publishing available to the entire research community in a sophisticated digital environment that yields measurable results. The programme can be configured as a diploma-level, national certified course.

● What is the purpose of the Evaluation Day?

The purpose of the Evaluation Day is to enable researchers (and in some cases, more experienced faculty members and decision makers) to scrutinize the Wiley Researcher Academy and obtain a credible recommendation as to its likely effectiveness for the national science programme.

The format for the day is that the customer or collaborator invites a group of evaluators for a half-day session to hear a presentation about the product, test it themselves, then provide feedback.

The evaluators will be encouraged to give broad feedback, while answering two key questions:

- Do you believe the solution will deliver effective learning?
- Will the user experience be good enough to ensure learners are motivated to complete the programme?

Wiley will work with the customer/collaborator to compile a report on the findings of the Evaluation Day and share this with decision makers.

● How many evaluators should there be and what profile should they have?

The suggestion is 8-15 evaluators (who will be supported on the day by 3-4 from Wiley). The profile of the attendees is for the customer/collaborator to choose. We suggest there should be good representation of PhD students and Early Career Researchers. Note that the Wiley Researcher Academy has flexible learning pathways to enable refresher training for more experienced researchers; it may be of interest to include some members of the Mid-Career cohort, as well as decision makers and influencers in the national science strategy.

The Wiley Researcher Academy focuses on primary journal article publication and will therefore be of greatest relevance to scholars in the experimental and non-experimental sciences.

● Minimum system and software requirements

- Sound card - **Activated**
- Processor - **Pentium 4, 1Ghz**
- RAM - **256 MB**
- Screen resolution - **1024*768**
- Windows operating system - **Windows 98, 2000, XP, Vista, 7**
- Apple operating system - **Mac OSX (10.4)**
- Browser - **Internet Explorer 8, Firefox 1.5**
- Pop-up blocker for URL - **disabled**
- Bandwidth for video - **38Kbps**

● What is the outline agenda?

The full session lasts some 3.5 hours and that timeframe will include a light lunch provided by Wiley. The outline agenda is as follows:

- Overview of the Wiley Researcher Academy (approx. 20 mins)
Aims & scope of Wiley Researcher Academy. What is its value proposition?
- Evaluation Day Guidelines (10 mins)
What am I seeing today? What do I have to do? Dividing into groups.
- Test a course (120 mins)
Take a sample course from start to finish, complete feedback questionnaire.
- Working Lunch: Feedback and Discussion (60 mins)
General discussion, questions and answers, summary of key points.

● Inviting the attendees

We suggest it is best if invitations to attendees come from our collaborator hosting the event in-country, but Wiley will provide any support it can.

● Following-up the session

Wiley will draft a report on the session, combining the written comments in the evaluators' questionnaires and the detail of the discussion session. This will be shared and discussed with the customer/collaborator and then finalized.