Writing for Science Workshop application

*Join award-winning writer Dave Armstrong for a two-day course on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March 2025 that will help you hone your writing style and refresh your approach to your work, including learning techniques that will improve your delivery of important information and engage your audience.*

*Dave has run Writing for Science classes for NIWA, Victoria University of Wellington and many other organisations. Dave**is also known as a columnist for The Post and a playwright. He won the fiction category of the 2008 Royal Society of New Zealand Manhire Prize for Creative Science Writing and has been a judge for the same prize.*

*Dave has worked as a museum consultant and writer for many science-based exhibitions with topics including earthquakes, light, poisonous creatures, oceans, navigation, geography, mining and sustainability, thermal energy, sunlight, PTSD and addiction. He has written for various educational science publications, radio and television.*

*Dave’s course focuses mainly on structure, clarity and communication – how to get scientific ideas across clearly and effectively and how to best communicate scientific material to general and non-specialist audiences.*

*This course will be run in-person only at NIWA, Wellington (Greta Point) on* ***Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March 2025 from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm*** *with space for up to 10 students to attend. This workshop is open to PhD students who have completed their first year. GSNZ will cover the cost of the course and will contribute to the costs of travel and accommodation in Wellington.*

*Upon acceptance into the workshop a $50 bond will be required to hold your place. This will be reimbursed upon completion of the course.*

*Rules relevant to applications and eligibility for this workshop are included as an appendix to this form.* ***Please read these before completing the application****.*

*Applications due by* ***5pm Sunday 15th December 2024.***

**Section 1: Details of Applicant**

Name of applicant:

How many years into your PhD: *2nd, 3rd final, etc*.

Institution:

Date of expected completion (conferment) of PhD (if applicable):

Address:

Email:

**Section 2: Applicant statement**

Please provide a short statement outlining how this workshop would be beneficial to you, and the value/outcomes that will come from attending. Your statement should not exceed 200 words.

*Please enter your statement here. Please do not change the font size. These instructions can be deleted.*

**Section 3: Travel Budget**

Please complete the budget table below to estimate how much you will require for travel to attend this course. GSNZ may cover up to $400 for travel and up to $200 for accommodation for those outside of Wellington. Participants would be required to cover any expenses above these amounts. ***Payment for travel and accommodation will be upon reimbursement following completion of the course.***

Please note the fee for the workshop is covered by GSNZ.

The following table includes an example budget. Please delete the example budget and edit the table.

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| **Accommodation** |  |
| Hostel accommodation in Wellington (2 nights @ NZD $100 per night) | $200 |
| GSNZ may cover up to $200 |  |
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| **Travel** |  |
| Flights (return Auckland to Wellington, inc. taxes) | $500 |
| GSNZ may cover up to $400 |  |
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| **Total** | $700 |

**Section 4: Curriculum Vitae**

*Please insert a 1-page academic CV. These instructions can be deleted. Alternatively, a 1-page CV in a separate file may be submitted with this application form.*

**Section 5: Supervisor support**

Supervisor support of this application is required. Please provide their contact details below. They will also be required to co-sign this application form.

Name of Supervisor:

Position:

Institution:

Address:

Email:

“I support this application and believe the student will benefit from attendance”.

Supervisor Name:

Date:

Signature:

**Section 6: Applicant Declaration**

*I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this application is true and accurate. I have read the Rules attached to this document, and understand that if, for any reason (except cancellation of the course), I should not attend the course, I will not be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred or the $50 bond required to secure my position in the course, if my application is accepted.*

*YES☐*

*Once completed, please send your application form to the Early Career Research representative on the national GSNZ committee (ecr@gsnz.org.nz)* ***by 5pm on Sunday 15th of December 2024.***

**Appendix**

**Rules relevant to applications and eligibility for the Writing for Science Workshop**

1. *This workshop is for PhD students who have been confirmed into the degree program.*
2. *The applicant is expected to have a piece of writing (published or draft, even if only a rough outline), to bring to the workshop, that they can turn into a piece which can be presented to a general audience. This may be a blog post, magazine article, report or a manuscript first draft. Several hundred words would be adequate.*

1. *All applicants agree to pay a $50 bond if they are accepted into the course, which will be reimbursed upon completion of the writing workshop.*
2. *GSNZ will contribute up to $400 for travel and up to $200 for accommodation for students travelling from outside of Wellington. This will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts to the Treasurer of GSNZ.* Funds awarded should be claimed before the end of the GSNZ financial year (31st March). The amount awarded cannot be negotiated or increased (for example, in the situation that costs associated with travel increase).
3. *A participant will notify the GSNZ committee within a reasonable timeframe if circumstances change and they can no longer attend.*
4. *All applications will be accessed and voted on by the GSNZ Committee in December or January. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out shortly after.*
5. *Applications will be considered on merit.*
6. *To be eligible to apply for the grant, applicants must:*
7. *Be current members of the Geoscience Society of New Zealand;*
8. *Be currently undertaking their PhD on a geoscience topic at a New Zealand university or research institute.*
9. Successful applicants are required to submit a report on the workshop to the Early Career Research Rep on the GSNZ Committee within 3 months of the attendance.

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