

Graduate Writing Resources at URI

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Purpose: This document serves as a convenient access point to help our INP students access a variety of graduate writing resources and assistance, from language help, to technical writing, thesis organization tips, or manuscript preparation....it's all here.

1. The URI Graduate Writing Center – The Center provides *physical* writing space in 250 Pastore Hall, language support, writing tutors, and access to workshops and programs to develop your writing skills. GWC events are presented on a calendar available on the website. Events include workshops on thesis preparation and workflows, CVs and resumes, references, inclusive teaching and pedagogy, and open writing hours. For more information, visit <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-writing-center/>
2. Thesis/Dissertation Process: From Proposal to Defense. The Graduate School, University of Rhode Island. Revised August 2021. This is a pdf guide that outlines the approved formats for URI graduate programs, including proposal formats, theses, and dissertations. For more information, visit https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/files/ThesisDissertationProcessRevised_04_30_2018.pdf
3. The INP Research Committee has also made several resources available that are helpful for new science writers. These documents, (1) How to write a paper, (2) How to design figures for a paper, and (3) Writer's Checklist, will provide a collection of considerations and tips to develop great documents! https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WFom2zSnIs5R2kIXxb0p1cGLNMldv_Xt?usp=sharing
4. BES 501 – Advanced Scientific Communication. This 2-credit graduate course focuses on the process of writing and reviewing scientific manuscripts and grant proposals.
5. Book - “Essentials of Writing Biomedical Research Papers” by Mimi Zeiger
Second Edition, ISBN-13: 978-0071345446
This book provides immediate help for anyone preparing a biomedical paper by giving specific advice on organizing the components of the paper, effective writing techniques, writing an effective results sections, documentation issues, sentence structure and much more. The new edition includes new examples from the current literature including many involving molecular biology, expanded exercises at the end of the book, revised explanations on linking key terms, transition clauses, uses of subheads, and emphases. If you plan to do any medical writing, read this book first.
6. The Purdue OWL – The Purdue University Online Writing Lab is an open and accessible source of information that presents key information to instruct how to approach a variety of different writing styles across disciplines and includes information specific to the graduate level. For more information, visit https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

